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Solano Avenue slated for facelift

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The public-input phase of the Solano Avenue Work program is moving forward amid a multitude of local officials, with construction slated to begin in January.

storm drains, among other things, is well into its public-outreach phase, according to a draft progress report.

City staff have met with teens, seniors, advocates for the disabled and local business owners in the past few months to determine which direction to take with the program, as well as conducting surveys to figure out use patterns for the city's main business thoroughfare.

According to Bill Ekern, Albany's community development

and environmental resources director, sewer repair, the impetus for the program, will begin following the holiday shopping period in January 1998, and should be completed in time for the Solano Avenue Stroll in September. The need for repair stems from a combination of grease from local restaurants and tree root intrusion, Ekern said.

The program will involve closing off the current sewers, which run under the avenue's sidewalks,

tearing up the sidewalks and building new lines down the middle of the street, all done as painlessly as possible for local merchants.

"We will do everything we can do to keep the sidewalks open," said Ekern, who estimated the cost of the repairs at \$600,000.

Although solid plans have not yet been drawn up, other improvements which will take place include new, lower street lights, better land-

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El Cerrito council acts to fill former mayor's seat

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito City Council will appoint a new council member before the end of August to fill the seat left vacant by former mayor Cathie Kosel.

Kosel resigned from her posi-

tion last week after announcing that she had moved into her parents' former home in Kensington and thus is no longer eligible to serve as mayor of El Cerrito. (Kosel continues to pursue public service; she is a candidate for BART's board of directors.)

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Major yard work

Work crews from Contra Costa Landscaping, an award-winning Martinez firm, are hard at work renovating Albany's Middle School Park play field. Under a contract approved last month by the city, Landscape and Lighting Assessment District funds and Albany Unified School District funds will pay for the upgrade. The field will be open for use again on Sept. 23.

El Cerrito bans sale of 'Saturday night specials'

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito City Council has passed an ordinance to prohibit the sale of "Saturday Night Specials," otherwise known as "junk guns," within city limits. The council will also join in on a Joint Powers Agreement for mutual defense should a lawsuit regarding the sales prohibition be instituted against any participating community.

Over the last several years, cities along the I-80 corridor have joined together to work on problems involving crime and the community's youth. Restricting the Saturday Night Specials is the latest mutual activity of participating cities, as council after council passes similar ordinances to El Cerrito's.

There was no discussion of the second reading of the prohibition ordinance. At its first reading, July 29, several speakers addressed the issue.

Maria Theresa Viramontes was among those speakers visiting several cities to address councils on the subject. Viramontes has been active in a variety of regional issues; she is the former chief of staff to assemblyman Bob Campbell.

Viramontes and other visitors had just returned from the San Pablo City Council meeting, where the ordinance had passed 4-0.

"Fifteen cities have or will soon pass similar ordinances," she told the council, adding that, as youth and violence is concerned, "the corridor realizes illegal guns are the real issue. We can't go after the illegal ones until we determine first what is legal. We can't put the cart before the horse."

Viramontes reminded the council of the history of corridor cooperation. She said concerns about youth and violence had escalated in 1993 after one weekend when 23 drive-by shootings occurred in Richmond and neighboring cities. Cooperation grew rapidly, and now "the corridor reaches from Fremont to Crockett/Rodeo and includes 19 school districts, 23 law enforcement agencies and two boards of supervisors."

Last May, she said, 200 elected officials attended a symposium on gun issues, including gun control ordinances. A group of local mayors collectively decided to pursue

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Voters show support for fire assessment

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Community controversy over the proposed Fire Suppression Assessment District is fading along familiar lines, but there have been a few surprises, for example, resident Larry Damon praised a number of people when he was "100 percent behind assessment, either at the \$75 level or the \$125 level."

"I think anybody that can afford to live in El Cerrito can afford the difference amortized over a year," he said.

Damon has become a familiar face at City Council meetings over the last year or so. He does not always disagree with council decisions but has been an outspoken one at times.

He said Monday night he would support a higher assessment than the council has proposed.

The proposed assessment will appear on the November ballot at an annual rate of \$125 per single family residence, an amount that will be adjusted for multi-family residences and businesses. A citizens task force, open to all volunteers, recommended the assessment and its placement on the ballot — at a \$75 level. The amount of the assessment has been a source of disagreement between opponents and supporters of the district.

Resident Thom Stark served on the task force and on the committee that wrote its final report to the city council. (That committee met for over 17 hours to craft the report.) Several of Stark's most ardent supporters when he ran for city council last year (as an opposition candidate) are strongly opposed to the assessment. He supports it.

Stark agrees with the consensus opinion of the task force and with

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Council puts fire assessment on the ballot for November

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — One-hundred fifty-one protests have been registered against the Fire Suppression Assessment proposed by the El Cerrito City Council. The assessment will now appear on the November ballot.

The council passed the ordinance placing the matter on the ballot following a public hearing Monday evening. According to administrative services manager Jim Randall, the primary legal purpose of the hearing was to determine the level of protest against the assessment. At least 50 percent of the city's prop-

erty owners objected to it, the council could not have proceeded with the assessment in any manner.

A 10 percent level of opposition would have necessitated placement of the assessment on the ballot. The council had decided already, however, to put the matter before the voters in November.

According to Randall, the 161 figure represents 1.89 percent of the city's registered voters. Both spoken protests (about evenly split with comments of support from the 15 or so speakers) and written protests are counted.

Some of those protests may well

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By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Before heading off for summer vacation, the City Council last week put the finishing touches on a handful of city-sponsored ballot initiatives voters will face in November.

Albany voters will decide on a whopping seven initiatives this fall, including three separate measures to determine whether the offices of police chief, city attorney and city treasurer are to be appointed or elected, a pair of competing ballot measures on procedures for removing members of city committees and commissions, a measure which would provide revenue for acquisition of open space on Albany Hill, acquisition of open space for playfields and creek restoration, and a minor change to the City Charter

which would allow the current council to serve until final results are in for the November election.

Open space debate

The council formed a special assessment district for the open space measure, decided where to place the measure on the ballot and who is to write the ballot arguments for or against it. Although the authors of ballot arguments were determined with little public comment, there was a healthy dose of input on the open space measure, with the majority of those present supporting the new assessment.

Thelma Rubin removed herself from discussion of the open space measure because she owns property adjacent to the land with might be purchased. Although Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky previously

recused himself from the issue because he too owns land on the hill, he decided to take part in the discussion after consulting the Fair Political Practices Commission.

Before turning the issue over to public comment, the four-person council turned its attention to one of the more technical aspects of the matter.

Councilmember Bruce Mast asked city staff if the November vote, which is advisory under current law, would be binding if the state Right to Vote on Taxes Act passes as well.

Technical difficulties

At earlier meetings on the issue, the council was faced with a number of funding options for the three projects, which began as a suggested measure for acquisition of open

space on the hill only. Options included a special parcel tax, an ad valorem property tax, and the formation of an assessment district under the Landscaping and Lighting Act. The council chose the latter. Although the first two options would require two-thirds approval to pass, the special assessment district route involves only an advisory vote.

The vote would most likely become binding, however, if the Right to Vote on Taxes Act passes and a majority of voters approve the new assessment, said City Attorney Robert Zweben. The new assessment involves a levy of \$69 per year per household, with \$17.25 slated for creek restoration, \$17.25 for acquisition of playfields, and \$34.50 for

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Building a better drain

As part of El Cerrito's ongoing storm drain improvement program, new drain pipe was installed on Donal Street last week. The pipe will offer increased capacity as well as longer life to that section of the system. Storm drain restoration and replacement work is expected to continue throughout El Cerrito through October.



■ Letters to the Editor

Fund the dream

Editor:

Recently El Cerrito celebrated the historic 10th anniversary of Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor. We El Cerritos paid homage to the memory of Hazel, blind poetess, musician, renowned advocate of housing for the poorest of the elderly and disabled. She would not be denied, insisting on action by local, state and federal governments to fund her dream.

She had strong support from the Committee on Aging and a City Council led by Jean Siri. Gertrude Hall was a key player in bringing the Shirley dream to reality.

Hazel lived to witness the ground-breaking ceremony, but she never was able to fulfill her ultimate wish to live in the "house she built."

The multi-ethnic residents of the manor joined the board, representatives of Eskaton, and supporters throughout the community in a rousing tribute to the immortal Shirley.

Janet James, house manager from the beginning, served enthusiastically and admirably as mistress of ceremonies. Art Schroeder presented a masterful summary of the bittersweet history of the 12-year project. I cried and I danced in memory of my dear friend.

This triumphant celebration marked the hard-earned victory of the Department of Urban Development, the state, an outstanding City Council staff, the Committee on Aging, and community development over the indifference and hostility of the usual 2,500 naysayers in our community.

It was indeed a historic occasion and a precedent for future needed housing for the frail elderly in our beloved town.

Daniel K. Freudenthal
El Cerrito

Cause for concerns

Editor:

Thank you for *The Journal's* continuing coverage of the Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment proposed by the El Cerrito City Council. As a relatively new resident of El Cerrito, I am following the issue with great interest and appreciate the information you publish. Some of my concerns about the proposal, as I understand it, are these:

1. Despite its title, the money gathered from the assessment would not provide additional fire services. Instead, the money would finance existing services and free up money from the General Fund. Exactly how the money from the General Fund would be used is not specified.

2. The assessment amount is the same for every residence. The owner of a 4,300-square-foot home in the hills bordering open land would pay the same as the owner of a 1,200-square-foot home in the flatlands.

3. The same amount would be levied on pre-Prop. 13 owners as on post-Prop. 13 owners, who already pay higher taxes.

4. The proposal specifies no time limit and allows for no reduction if other funds become available. The Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment would be a permanent \$125 increase in the cost of being an El Cerrito homeowner.

Mary Milton
El Cerrito

BART hazard needs remedy

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to Joel Keller of the BART Board of Directors, 2nd District:

I am extremely dissatisfied with a letter from Lynn Fischer, BART Customer Services representative, who wrote to me on behalf of Richard White. I am writing to you because I am given to understand you are the elected BART official for this neighborhood.

As I explained in my letter to Mr. White, there are only two exit turnstiles for the entire El Cerrito Plaza station. A hazard results when 10-car trains unload during peak periods, because people form a line backing up the stairs. Passengers crowd from above trying to get out, not realizing a line has formed below, resulting in people getting crushed on the stairway. This is a hazard and someone will get hurt if nothing is done.

There was an additional set of fare gates originally but they were removed from the El Cerrito Plaza station. Where did they go? To a district other than your 2nd District? As for the "Planning Department," what will they do with the input Ms. Fischer mentions she gave them? I.e.,

specifically, when can passengers using the El Cerrito plaza station expect this safety hazard to be remedied? What is the timeline for this? Note that the cost of the fare gates is likely to be less than the cost of a lawsuit from an injured passenger.

In regard to the inadequate bike lockers at El Cerrito Plaza, I understand her letter to mean that the 20 flimsy bike lockers now in place will be "improved" by decreasing their number to 14. A much greater number of lockers is needed, probably 50. (I have requested to be put on the waiting list, but nobody in the BART administration is willing to tell me how long that list is, or when I might expect to be able to get a locker.)

Mr. Keller, the El Cerrito passengers grumble daily to one another about the fare gate situation, as they wait in a long exit line, watching their AC Transit connections roll out of sight. We are thinking of starting some kind of leafletting campaign to get together to express our collective dissatisfaction. Please provide whatever assistance you can in correcting this situation. Thank you.

Glenn Krell
El Cerrito

Don't support big boxes

Editor:

In most communities, citizens and their representatives fight to keep "big boxes" from anywhere close to downtown or residential areas. People recognize that the related problems and excessive traffic generated will hurt local businesses, destroy any charm their neighborhood may have, and that their city's image and overall property tax base will suffer.

Over the years El Cerrito has acquired a city council/redevelopment agency that, under the guise of "fighting blight," and "fiscal and environmental concerns," is in fact vigorously promoting the exact opposite. This paradox possibly may be explained by the need of those in political power to save face and hide the truth about how El Cerrito has seriously mismanaged redevelopment.

In spite of diverting \$1.8 million in taxes annually from what would otherwise go to the city or county, the agency has been unable to pay back their regular borrowing from the city for the last five years.

In the case of the "Pacific Development Group project" at Del Norte, the city council/redevelopment agency and supporting cast of "citizen's commissioners," nominated by this group, are ignoring the obvious facts:

This highly auto-intensive project will aggravate traffic in El Cerrito's most congested area. The new stores will help drive established stores in other parts of El Cerrito out of business, and lead to even longer car trips and more freeway congestion.

The 1993 traffic studies used to support a "negative environmental impact declaration" are simply false, and at odds with reality and any realistic future projections and recent (1995) published studies. Since they are "legally approved," it only goes to show how mismanaged El Cerrito's redevelopment has become.

For months I have been asking questions about the economics of this project. I have yet to see a full report, but the facts that are finally emerging seem to show that our for all practical purposes bankrupt Redevelopment Agency is planning to subsidize this project by \$1.5 million. They hope that a \$2.1 million payment by the developer will at least reduce the \$3.6 million sunk into the project so far. The latter figure probably does not fully account for the city-donated rights-of-way.

If they can prove otherwise, why have they not released all finance data to the public? Furthermore, they city-provided benefit data is false. The expected sales tax revenue seems unrealistic. No mention was made of the \$10,000 per month rent which is (as far as I know) paid by Pet Food Express, whose lease is being terminated by the city, nor of the expected cost of litigation, nor of the revenue lost during construction.

The "other benefits" the agency claims for this project are bunk. "New businesses" generated by big boxes likely will be the hot-dog type stands as at Home Depot and Costco. There is no evidence this project would promote transit ridership. Even if true, it is then more likely the Del Norte BART station will be increasingly used for trips to more attractive destinations elsewhere, not here.

The tragedy for El Cerrito is that those elected to political office have managed to so demoralize and frustrate the vast majority of citizens that the main hope for thwarting this absurd project is a lawsuit by a retailer, making money, paying rent, yet being forced out of town!

Peter Loubal
El Cerrito



■ Police Reports

Traffic light mishap costs truck driver thousand

By K. Osborne

ALBANY — At about 7 p.m. on Aug. 2 Albany officers responded to reports that a truck towing a large trailer loaded with new cars had hit and broken a street light and signal at the intersection of Buchanan and Jackson streets. Albany Fire Department also responded along with the company that maintains the lights and signals in order to disengage the light pole from the truck trailer. The whole process took about six hours and the driver of the truck was cited with about \$6,000 in various violations.

On the evening of Aug. 2 Albany officers observed a brown '79 Cadillac Seville which had been reported stolen from Martinez going west on Buchanan Street near Jackson Street. Officers were able to stop the car on Interstate 80 near the Ashby off-ramp. The two occupants of the car were arrested and the owner of the car was notified.

On the afternoon of July 29 an Oakland woman reported that her cellular phone was missing from her car after she took it to a local car wash. There is no further information.

On the evening of July 29 Albany officers located a car on the 1100 block of Portland Avenue that had been reported as stolen from Oakland. There was no one in custody and the owner was notified.

At about 3 a.m. on July 30 a resident on the 700 block of

Calhoun Street reported that someone had stolen the in-dash stereo from their car parked in front of the house. There were no witnesses.

On the night of July 31 a resident on the 1100 block of Kains Avenue reported observing a man jump the fence and climb in a window of the old Villa Motel on San Pablo Avenue. Police investigated, contacted the man and he was arrested.

On the morning of Aug. 1 a resident of the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that someone broke into his '86 300ZX. Police are investigating.

Between 8 p.m. on July 31 and 11:45 a.m. on Aug. 1 thieves reportedly broke into a '66 Pontiac Bonneville parked on the 1000 block of Curtis Street and stole the owner's wallet from inside. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Aug. 1 Albany officers contacted an Alameda man in a car parked on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue. He was found to have an outstanding warrant from Alameda in the amount of \$3,000. He was arrested.

Albany officers responded to a domestic dispute between two brothers on the evening of Aug. 1 and discovered one of the men had an outstanding warrant in the amount of \$7,000 for failure to appear on drug charges. He was arrested.

At about 11:30 p.m. on Aug. 1 a Stannage Avenue woman reported that vandals had smeared

dog feces on her front door. There were no witnesses.

Just after midnight Albany officers responded to an alarm company report of an armed robbery at a restaurant on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue. The robber was seen as a male wearing a mask, wearing his face and a hood to cover his head, blue pants and blue shoes, brandishing a handgun. Police are investigating.

At about 1:30 a.m. on Aug. 1 Albany officers assisted in a fight in an alleyway between a man and a woman on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue. All ended peacefully.

At about 4 p.m. on Aug. 1 Albany officers responded to a report of a person dressed as a tall black male, wearing glasses, white pants and white shoes, who did a grab and run in the north. Police are investigating.

At about 6 p.m. on Aug. 1 a woman on the 1000 block of Lynn Avenue reported seeing a white male about 50 years old, with scraggly hair, who appeared disoriented, in her neighborhood. Officers contacted the man and a check revealed outstanding warrants. He was arrested.

During the week of July 29 Albany officers fingerprinted people at their request, towed cars, responded to 33 false alarms, attended to eight injured, lost or lost animals, and assisted people who were locked out of their house or car.

Armed robbers raid Radio Shack for cash, phone

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — An armed robbery was reported at Radio Shack on July 24 at 1:35 p.m. Two men displayed handguns, ordered the victim to open the register and cellular phone display, then fled with cash and electronic equipment.

The suspects are described as black males, between ages 20 and 30. One is about 6-foot-2, 200 pounds; he was wearing a plaid, "pinkish" shirt, with black pants. The other is about 5-foot-8, 170 pounds; he was wearing a dark shirt and black jeans. Both were wearing dark glasses and dark baseball caps turned backwards.

An El Cerrito woman was arrested for deliberately striking the rear end of a vehicle twice while it was occupied by a Richmond woman; the incident at Potrero, west of San Pablo Avenue, at 5:09 p.m. July 29.

A vehicle which fled from the police when a traffic enforcement stop was attempted was registered to a Richmond owner. The incident occurred at 3:01 a.m. July 28 at Central and Carlson.

A San Leandro man was arrested at Cutting and I-80 for possession of a stolen vehicle and fleeing from the police. Four passengers, including juveniles, were also arrested; the incident occurred at 11:49 p.m. Aug. 2.

An El Cerrito woman was shot in the leg with a BB or pellet gun at 7 p.m. July 25. The incident occurred on Gladys between Norvell and Everett.

Seven arrests were made for driving under the influence: a Richmond woman at San Pablo Avenue and Cutting at 1:35 a.m. July 24, a Richmond man at San Pablo and Knott at 12:55 a.m. July 27, a Vallejo man on I-80 between Cutting and San Pablo Dam Road, a San Pablo man on San Pablo Avenue between Moeser and Manila at 11:35 p.m. July 26; a Richmond man on Liberty between Stockton and Eureka at 1:45 a.m. Aug. 1, an Oakland man at San Pablo and Wall at 1:50 a.m. July 28, and a Benicia man at Moeser and Richmond at 10:35 p.m. July 30. In the latter case, the man was involved in an accident.

A residential burglary was reported in the 300 block of Ramona. During the daytime, July 30, someone entered the home by unknown means, ransacked it and took three VCRs.

Six property thefts from vehicles were reported. An in-dash stereo was taken from a vehicle parked in a lot in the 11700 block of San Pablo Avenue at about 12:35 p.m. July 17. A male suspect was seen; he fled in a vehicle with the second suspect.

During the early morning hours of July 30, two vehicles were burglarized in a parking garage in the 500 block of Kearney Street.

A briefcase, portfolio, papers, shoes, and jumper cables were taken from the 2600 block of Conlon Avenue during the night of July 26. On the morning of July 28, someone took running lights off a car parked in the 1000 block

of Arlington Boulevard. The glar had entered the vehicle, smashing a window and passing the trunk lock but had taken nothing from the interior.

Someone reached through an open window and took the traction from a vehicle parked in the 7400 block of Terra Vista Avenue during the night of July 26. Miscellaneous items were taken from a vehicle parked on Conlon and San Pablo Avenue at 24.

A vehicle was entered on Conlon and Kearney at 10:43 a.m. July 26.

Someone smashed a window in the 7400 block of Sea Place July 27 or 28.

A bike was taken from a locked rack in front of L Drugs between 5:40 and 5:45 July 30.

A bike was taken from a parking garage in the 500 block of Kearney Street during the morning hours July 30.

A Richmond man and a woman were arrested for theft of recyclables at the Cerrito Recycling Center at 1:36 a.m.

A backpack containing property and employee property was stolen from the El Cerrito Community Center between 26 and 27.

A backpack left at the Cerrito Plaza restaurant was not found the next day.

One domestic incident was reported.

A Berkeley woman was arrested for shoplifting at Target.

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Retired fireman others info on workers

continue the saga of our seven firemen who remain citizens of Albany. You will remember that Raymond Gonzalves, believes that they should be remembered and celebrated for the more than 300 years they protecting and helping the city of Albany, brought them to attention. He also did the sketch and questioning that gave the thumbnail sketch of each of the stalwarts.

Last week we talked about the senior of these: Richard Sheehy, as well as Raul Miranda. Follow now with the rest of the plus, if space allows, some of the reminiscences of Gonzalves and Sheehy. Their memories are part of the history of Albany.

Mayor Mestas entered the Albany Fire Department on Jan. 17, 1911, and retired March 15, 1981, as captain, having served in many positions during his 30 years of service.

Mestas' World War II experiences were unforgettable. He served in the Navy, in the Pacific theater of operations, seeing action in many naval battles. The last action was delivering the first atomic bomb to the island of Tinian.

On the return trip to Pearl Harbor Harbor ship, the U.S. cruiser Indianapolis, was sunk by a Japanese submarine. He and other survivors spent five days in shark-infested waters before being rescued. Many men lost their lives in exposure and sharks. Out of approximately 1,100 men on the ship, just under 300 survived.

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



Mestas still attends the annual reunion in Indianapolis to pay tribute to his fallen comrades.

Mestas is a lifetime member of the California State Firemen's Association. His neighbors will find him at 833 Polk St. in Albany.

William Lancot entered the department on April 23, 1951, and retired on April 30, 1981, after 30 years of service, as Captain and Commander of the C-Shift. He was in charge of all fire department apparatus and firehouse maintenance.

Lancot was president of the Albany Police & Fire Civil Service Club and served many years on the Board of the City of Albany Police & Fire Pensions Commission. And he, too, is a lifetime member of the California State Firemen's Association.

During World War II he served in the Air Force, flying numerous missions in the South Pacific theater, flying Lockheed's P-38 Lightning fighter planes. He attained the rank of captain there.

Lancot's son, William Nash, attended Albany schools and is currently a teacher at Albany High School. William Lancot and his wife, LaVearl, reside at 912 Fillmore in Albany.

Richard Courtney's 30 years with the department began on July 1, 1951, and ended July 1, 1981. In the department he was fire alarm maintenance man. In addition to his firefighting duties he was in charge

of all time sheet records, and payroll and purchasing orders for department personnel. He served as Treasurer of the Albany Police & Fire Civil Service Club and is currently a commissioner of the City of Albany Pension Fund Board. He, too, is a lifetime member of the California State Firemen's Association.

Courtney serviced as an infantryman in World War II, in the American division of the Philippine Islands campaign. He was also part of the Army of Occupation in Japan after the surrender.

An active member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Courtney resides at 1051 Santa Fe.

Raymond Gonsalves, who initiated this report, entered the department on Aug. 2, 1951, and retired with a service-connected disability on Jan. 1, 1980, with the rank of Captain Fire Marshal. During his service, one of his accomplishments was the drafting of the first High-Rise Code for Gateview. (We noted last week that when he and Dick McSheehy visited me at my Gateview condo he recalled the many interesting and challenging problems he found in the planning and building of the complex.)

He served as the water supply officer and initiated the first hydrant-testing system in the department.

Gonsalves served as Chairman of the Board of the Albany Police & Fire Widows & Orphans Fund, was President of the Albany Municipal Employees Association, a member

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Wet weekly outing

July was water sports month for the Teen Center A.C.H.I.E.V.E. Day Camp, and each week included a field trip with a water theme. Excursions included trips to Raging Waters, Lake Berryessa and Stinson Beach, and whitewater rafting the South Fork of the American River. Above are camp participants Antonio Pozos, Dustin Hughes, Ivan Bartholomew, Liheang Lim, Maria Mitchell, Holly Jackson, Manuel Guima, Russell Gonzalves, Patrick Vance and Anthony Martinez.

West County School Watch

By Glen Price

School networking

This summer, teachers and parents have been hard at work throughout the district preparing their computer facilities for expanded action this fall. Given impetus by last spring's statewide NetDay, schools have been mobilizing parents and faculty to complete major upgrades of their computer systems, with a special eye to

creating access to the Internet.

One-time funds awarded by the state last year under AB 825 to every school provided at least a minimal financial base for these efforts. Under the new state budget additional one-time funds will be available which may be expended for information technology programs.

NetDay set for Aug. 10

El Cerrito High teacher (and former Olympic athlete) Roddy Lee has been busy preparing for this coming Saturday's (Aug. 10) NetDay activities at El Cerrito High School. Over the summer Lee has made use of e-mail to keep his technology committee abreast of developments with NetDay and discuss design issues for their network. If you would like to be added to this list, contact Lee at "lcp1967@aol.com."

On Saturday Lee and the Technology Committee plan to wire at least three rooms, the library and the two computer rooms. If time and person power permit, they will run an additional line to the ROP

room. Lee said, "The starting time is 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10. People should meet on the second floor or in front of the school. Refreshments will be served and we hope to see everyone there."

Valley View Elementary

Kathe Schneider, Valley View Elementary School teacher and co-chair of the Valley View Technology Committee, reports that Valley View will be holding two NetDay events to prepare their computer lab for the opening of school this fall.

Schneider said, "We are arranging work parties on Aug. 10 and 17 (both Saturdays) to install new computers (involves gluing adapter feet on computer cases with templates to install lock pads) and for installing old software on the new servers and reconfiguring the software, if necessary, so it will go up on the new computers."

Schneider notes that the technology committee could especially use volunteers of all skill levels for the

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By Fern Luoma

Albany Chamber of Commerce

New Club Mallard signs up with Chamber

Club Mallard, 752 San Pablo has come a long way since it was originally a livery stable. Fifty years ago it was called Club Pago and featured taxi dancing. After the war, it became "The Dog House" and in 1945 was purchased and named "Club Mallard," according to Gil Rosson, dayshift manager.

When new ownership purchased the establishment in August 1994, they acquired many improvements, including an upscale lounge. The addition is an open-air beer garden with a thatched tiki heads, a carved canoe, and chairs in a lush tropical setting adorned by tropical plants and gas tiki torches.

New owners are Chris Donahue and Doug Miller, who are well-known throughout this area. When they first acquired the lounge, they finished the floors, added six showers on tap, remodeled the restrooms and added art work. There is a velvet painting of Elvis and hand-painted duck murals.

Upstairs the billiard room is decorated in San Francisco's 1920s Men's Club decor, rich in dark mahogany, featuring three turn-of-century pool tables, each a different design and style. There is a fireplace with extensive book-

shelves and a large mural of an outdoor pond scene with ducks painted by Jennifer Hing. A crafted handmade solid mahogany bar was made by the new owners. Walls are carriage-house red with mahogany wainscot and a brown leather trim. The room has windows on three sides.

Miller loves to watch the expression of first-time visitors as they are truly surprised upon seeing the room. It is often referred to as "a hidden treasure." On the main floor are pool tables, pinball machines, a dart area and two televisions.

The patio is often used for holiday, birthday, bachelor and bachelorette parties, as well as wedding receptions and business meetings. Arrangements may be made for catering.

"We have created more of a pub-style neighborhood corner bar where people feel comfortable and safe," Miller explained. "This has been a really gratifying experience to reopen Club Mallard with such a warm response from the community."

An avid sailboat racer, Miller raced in Australia, Brazil, Italy, France, Caribbean, East and West Coast of U.S., and Hawaii. He worked three years for Club Med throughout the world.

Donahue enjoys cycling, cross-

country skiing, camping and especially remodeling Victorian homes.

Albany's Fifth Classic/Vintage Auto Show

The "WANTED" posters seen about town are seeking classic/vintage and special interest vehicles for Albany's Fifth Annual Auto Show, scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 17, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The display of unusual and treasured automobiles and motorcycles will begin at 11 a.m. and run till 4 p.m. on the 800 block of Key Route Boulevard between Solano and Washington avenues. The 700 block of Key Route will be used if necessary.

There is no entrance fee, as the show is "just for fun," giving the car owners the opportunity to show off their "pride and joy." Applications are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 1108 Solano Ave., or phone 525-1771 weekdays between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

A sample of what will be on display is Max Bechtle's 1977 Porsche, 924, restored with Chevy 350-V8 conversion; Bob and Penny Gustafson's 1941 Chevrolet Fleetline four-door sedan; Wayne Hutton's 1970 Camaro SS/RS 350, fully rebuilt mechanically, new Huggar Orange paint (the original color), split-bumper front end, rally wheels and gauges, and Tony and



Club Mallard co-owners Doug Miller and Chris Donahue.

Jackie Astorgano's 1956 Chrysler New Yorker, one-owner, four-door sedan.

Co-sponsoring the show with the Chamber of Commerce are Albany's two new car agencies, Joe Sio Chevrolet/Geo and Albany Ford/Subaru. Each will have new automobiles on display. Chairing the show for the fifth time is David Arroyo, who can be reached by phone daytime at 526-4680, or evenings, 653-7441.

Arroyo is planning to have the Astro Jump for children, a "guess how many candies in the container" contest for visitors, and for exhibitors there will be a collage of Oakland A's former team members where a prize will be given to the person who comes closest to naming them all. The Chamber will have their hot dog and soft drink booth. There is no entry fee or admission for visitors.

New Items Added to Mangia Mangia Menu

New menu items have been added to both the lunch and dinner menu at the Mangia Mangia Restaurant, 755 San Pablo Ave.

Sister owners Lida and Soraya Ghaemi have kept the original selections but decided to add a few

new antipasti and pasta dishes. Steamed mussels or clams and grilled polenta prepared with garlic cloves, mushrooms and marsala wine are new to the lunch menu. Grilled eggplant cooked in fennel, red onion and pesto is served with soup or salad. Also, there is angel-hair pasta with smoked salmon, vegetables and goat cheese.

The dinner menu now offers grilled polenta with a gorgonzola cream sauce, broiled mixed seafood, and vegetable skewer with a citrus vinaigrette and pasta salad with kalamata olives, garlic, sun-dried tomato, goat cheese, parsley, balsamic vinegar and olive oil.

There are five new pasta entrees on the new dinner menu, including manicotti,

seafood spaghetti, pasta tubes with Italian sausage, pasta served with chicken breast, tri-color pasta in a smoked salmon, prosciutto ham cream sauce and Italian rice served with baby artichokes, peas and mushrooms.

Chef Richard Lucido will prepare dishes made to order.

Cal-Bay Mortgage's Open House

Cal-Bay Mortgage will host an

open house Wednesday, Aug. 14, from 2 to 6 p.m. at their Albany location, 1327 Solano Ave. Guests are asked to take their business cards to enter a free drawing. Cal-Bay manager Liz Forbes extends an invitation to join the festivities and meet loan officers Joel Anderson, Jamie Ghanbari, Kristine Mobbereley and herself for this festive occasion.

Albany American Legion Post 292 Mexican Dinner

Early reservations may be necessary for the annual Mexican Dinner sponsored by the Albany American Legion Post 292, to be held Friday, Aug. 16, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1325 Portland Ave.

Each year this dinner is so popular that some are disappointed, as reservations are limited. Chef Eva Lopez will prepare tostados, chicken enchiladas, beans and a great rice pudding.

Dinner cost is \$8; cocktails begin at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m. sharp.

Reservations may be made by phoning Roy Holland at 526-2891; Keith Truax, 526-4487; Ian Ball, 525-5230; or Sam Turner at 526-0837. Reservation deadline is Tuesday, Aug. 13.

This week on Channel 17

The following is the current viewing schedule for the week of Aug. 5 on Albany's cable Channel 17:

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. — Opening: Albany Arts Committee - Trudy Vilaska; Clear Choices for Clean Air; Marsh Life - East Bay Regional Park District; Teens Today - Albany Teen Center;

Kids Talking Trash - Alameda County Waste Management Authority;

Planning and Zoning - "Albany Bungalow;" Recycling and You.

8 p.m. - 10 p.m. — Aug. 8-9: Bay Trail Groundbreaking; Bike to Work; Albany Creek Activities. All other times — Scrolled Public Information.

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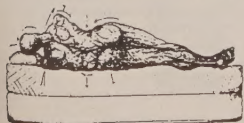
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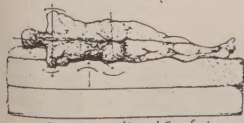
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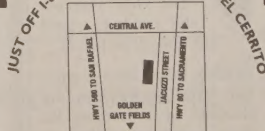
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Multimedia Notes

BILL MANN

It's time for Viewer Mail

Answering Your Mail: I get numerous e-mails each week from you fine Hills Newspapers readers and literati, and I answer them all. Well, those that don't attack my lineage, anyway.

But on standard letters I'm not always so reliable. There's the matter of stamps, envelopes, etc., and, of course, that messy business of driving to the Post Office — the ZIP code in our small town is E-I-E-I-O — with a suspended license and no tail lights or muffler. OK, OK, I'm kidding. Partly.

So, from time to time, I like to devote this space to answering some of the letters I've received, pro and con. Keep 'em coming; I read them all, even the ones in crayon. (Again, just kidding).

Dear Mr. Mann:

I've come to enjoy your column. Unfortunately, in a recent column called "Beltway Banter," you went out of your league. The piece in which you blasted Mark Shields included a woman from the National Review, not The New Republic. The term "for crissakes" doesn't reflect well on you. Also, The New Republic is hardly "1959" in journalistic style or substance.

Also, your descriptions of Mark Shields were sophomoric. You wrote nothing substantial about him. You called him "twerpish," a "loser" and "Branian." You critiqued his hair style and said he had a "geekish demeanor." You then lapsed into the laziest of criticisms, that Shields and the inside-the-Beltway hacks don't matter outside Washington. The argument is old and a broad-brush condemnation that isn't substantiated. Shields is a quick thinker. The way you wrote about him,

you'd think he was related to Pete Giddings! Save your diatribes for areas you're acquainted with, like late-breaking hirings and firings at KGO.

Bill D., Oakland
Bill: Mea culpa. You are correct about the National Review. And I didn't mean to pick on Shields specifically; he just happened to be handy. You could substitute the name "George Will" or legions of other D.C. know-nothings whose political predictions are invariably wrong. I got several letters like yours attacking that column, and I'm sorry I stooped to the name-calling with Shields. But it does reflect my disgust with the lot of these pundits — distaste probably a number of other readers share. These are mostly people who have no inkling about anything that matters in life outside the dismal environs of D.C. But I would never, however, suggest that any of these folks, even the most reprehensible, were related to KGO-TV's sweet, cuddly weatherguy.

Hi Bill:

I usually enjoy your column, even agree once in awhile. But I can't figure out why you think KGO Radio's Gene Burns is boring. I was very happy to hear he'll be on instead of Jim Eason. I loved your story likening Eason to an old codger who wouldn't use his turn signals.

Burns is the only person I've heard on KGO who doesn't lose his cool, cut people off, scream, or insult. I also find him rational and intelligent. So, of course, Burns will never last. I'll enjoy him meanwhile.

Gerta F., Oakland

Gerta: I agree with all the good things you said about Burns. Still, he's boring, as are most traditional libertarians — although Burns would be boring anyway. When you're driving in a car with his show on and your eyes glaze over and you start thinking about re-seeding your lawn, THAT'S the Gene Burns Effect, completely irrespective of politics. Many of his KGO colleagues are ignorant, obnoxious, and inconsid-

erate. But, by and large, they're NOT boring, and that's the name of the game. Burns should be locked in a room with fellow droneologist Garrison Keillor for a week as penance. It's hard to believe listeners in Boston put up with this windbag for 20 years.

Dear Mr. Mann:

I'm a former show-biz and circus artist. I enjoyed your comments about KTVU weatherman Brian Copeland's show-biz career. My companion was recently put to death by involuntary euthanasia. Could you please give me Dr. Dean Edell's address?

L.R., Oakland

Note to readers: This is an actual letter. To Dean: For obvious reasons I didn't forward your address to her. Next time, lunch at Hunan is on you, Doc.

Dear Mr. Mann:

I want to congratulate you on not incorrectly using "we" and "us" and "who" instead of "whom" for a few weeks. This drives me crazy; that's why I always write. By the way, the term "e-mails" is incorrect. The plural is "e-mail."

Dorothy N., Alameda

Us would like to thank you very much for your kind mails over the past year.

Dear Bill:

You recently made a mistake in your column, and I waited until the next paper, thinking you might correct it. Brian Hackney gives the weather on KRON-TV, not KGO. I like him and he's a good weatherman. I read your

Ballot

Continued from front page

acquisition of open space on the hill.

Opinion poll

The council recently polled 300 Albany voters to see if the new assessment would be approved, and whether separate ballot measures or one for all three projects should be submitted. Although 76 percent of those polled said they would approve the measure, the poll was conducted under the misconception that low-income seniors and the disabled would be exempt from the tax. Those who spoke on the issue at prior meetings overwhelmingly favored placing the three projects on the ballot as one measure.

The issue has received public comment at past meetings, and Monday night was no exception. Those speaking in favor of the new tax included members of the Berkeley/Albany soccer and softball leagues, members of the Friends of Five Creeks, and Carole Fitzgerald from the Friends of Albany Hill, who wanted to be sure the Albany

column all the time but can't say I always agree with you.

Eleta M., Oakland

You are correct, and thanks for the correction. Hackney used to be at Channel 7, of course, until earlier this year when he went down the dial to Channel 4, where he currently does a snappy job of forecasting.

Hill Creekside Master Plan would be funded by the new assessment.

Senior obligations

There were those who scrutinized the tax more closely, though. Albany resident Dario Meniketti repeated earlier requests to exempt low-income seniors from the new assessment and said that in his opinion, the creek restoration projects could wait. He was told, however, that now one could be exempted from the new tax, although payment could be deferred indefinitely. The assessment, which is tax deductible, would then exist as a lien on the property to be paid off on sale or transfer.

Albany resident Jerome Blank also repeated previously-expressed sentiments against the new assessment, citing sewer lateral repair as a more pressing need. He also said he would prefer a bond issue, which would require a two-thirds vote, to establishing a new assessment district.

During council discussion of the issue, Councilmember Bob Good asked if more money could be included for hill acquisition. The rest of the council, however, seemed set on the current distribution. In the end, the council placed the measure on the ballot with a 4-0 vote and a round of applause from the audience.

The measure did not receive unanimous support, however, as

Albany resident Leon... owns land on the hill... ballot argument opposing... sure during the Good... Public Forum at the end of... ing.

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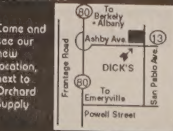
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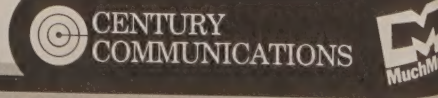
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By Frosene Phillips

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MUSICAL NOTES: This Friday, Aug. 9, Oakland's City Center will feature its monthly tea dance from 5 to 7 p.m. with the Alice Arts Center Jazz Ensemble. A free ballroom dance class precedes the live music...Boz Scaggs debuts at Caesars Tahoe Aug. 30-Sept. 1. "Some Change," Scaggs' most recent release, is his 11th solo album and was written by him entirely. Showtimes are 9 p.m. nightly. For ticket information, call Caesars at (800) 648-3353 or (510) 762-BASS...Nancy Wilson comes to town three days only, Aug. 15-18, at Kimball's East in Emeryville.

COMEDY NOTES: Comic Craig Shoemaker finished post production on his film, "The Lovemaster," a day before the Los Angeles Independent Film Festival. The film also stars Farrah Fawcett, Courtney Thorne-Smith and George Wendt. Not only did the film make it in time for the festival screening, but according to Shoemaker "we took first prize!" Fans can expect an October release. Shoemaker is scheduled to appear in the Bay Area again Sept. 3-8 at Tommy T's in San Ramon...Auditions for the 1996 San Francisco International Stand-up Comedy Competition take place Mondays at 9 p.m. at the San Francisco Punch Line. Tickets are \$5.

WEEKEND SCENE: Pieces of a Dream at Kimball's East...Avance Friday and Humbria Saturday at Kimball's Carnival...Maybeck Jazz Piano Festival with Dick Hindman, Rob Schneiderman and Dick Whittington Sunday 4 p.m. at the Maybeck Recital Hall...Bob Schoen Quartet Wednesday at Cafe Caracas...Mark Holzinger Duo Friday and Karen Blixt & Michael Santiago Saturday at Daniel's in Albany...John Turk Thursday and Sunday at the Ramada Inn...Lilli & the Jazz Doctors Friday and Vivian Perry Sunday in the Terrace Room at the Lake Merritt Hotel...Nob Hill Sounds Friday at the Oakland Veterans Memorial Building and Sunday at the Piedmont Veterans Memorial Building.

Eddie Moore Jazz Festival at Yoshi's Nitespot...Cami Thompson Thursday and Buddy Conner Friday with the Eddie Pasternak/Roger Glenn Duo Thursday and Friday at Gertrude Stein...Bay Area Blues Society Caravan of All Stars, Wednesday, Aug. 14 Oakland City Center noon concert...Nor House Saturday and Blues Bones Sunday at the Pacific Coast Brewing Co...George Glover at Maestro's San Ramon...Raymond Victor Band Friday and the Marin Rhythm Section Saturday at the Baltic...GTS at Brennan's...Lady Margaret & the Gentlemen Friday and Ron Thompson & the Resisters Saturday at Eli's Mile High Club.

COMEDY SCENE: Magician Paul Kozak and Tony Camine at Tommy T's San Ramon...SAN FRANCISCO: George Lopez Punch Line...Dom Irrera and Carlos Alazraqui at Cobb's Comedy Club.

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■ Goings on About Town

Events, meetings, classes..

Affirmative Action and Immigrants Rights Forum. For citizen involvement to defeat the "Civil Rights Initiative" on Nov. 5. Saturday, Aug. 10, 7-9 p.m. Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists. 1606 Bonita St., Berkeley. 841-4824

Albany Library. Summer films are at the Albany Library Thursdays at 3 p.m. Aug. 8: *The Fox and the Hound*. Aug. 15: *The Great Mouse Detective*.

Avatar Toastmasters. Thursdays: Public Speaking Skills and metaphysics come together. 2515 Hillegass and Dwight, Berkeley, at 6:15 p.m., 643-7645, 848-6510.

Berkeley Art Center. Lecture by Dr. Peter Stansky, professor of history at Stanford University "George Orwell, and the literary left of the 1930's." Saturday, Aug. 10, 2-4 p.m. 275 Walnut St. (in Live Oak Park) Berkeley, 644-6893

Berkeley Hiking Club. Aug. 11: Muir Woods. 8:30 a.m. departure time. 654-3148 or 548-2307. Aug. 11: Mini Hike, Redwood Regional Park French Trail. 9:30 a.m. departure time. 531-2853.

Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club is open daily 9:30-3:30 except Monday and Thursday. Free instruction is available each Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m. - noon. 481-2174.

Berkeley Macintosh Users Group (the world's largest), offers free Mac classes to the public every Tuesday, 7-10 p.m. 549-2684.

Black Oak Books — Aug. 8: Patricia Page, *Hope's Cadillac*; Aug. 14: Kevin Canty, *Into the Great Wide Open*; Aug.

15: Daniel Matt, *God and the Big Band*. 7:30 p.m.; free. 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 848-0698.

Bicycle Rodeo. Test your skills on obstacle course, learn how to keep your bike in good condition, win a free T-shirt for competing. For ages 5-15. Friday Aug. 9: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Strawberry Creek Park. 644-6500.

Candlelight Ballroom 813 San Pablo Ave. (near Solano), Albany. Aug. 10: Lindy-Jitterbug swing dance party with dancing to DJ music. 7:30-8:30 p.m.; Lindy-Jitterbug dance Lesson. 8:30-10:30 p.m. Dancing to DJ music. Lesson and dance \$7; dance only, \$5. 452-2008.

Cazadero Performing Arts Family Camp. Tuesday Aug. 13 through Sunday Aug. 18. Activities include, a jazz band, woodwinds, chorus, dance, swimming, arts and crafts. For children and adults. For info, call Rina Margolin: 849-1438.

Consensus Brain Injury Rehab Center. Six-week communication and critical thinking skills classes meet Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m. - noon. 548-3830.

Contra Costa Hills Club. Aug. 8: Six-Mile in Marin Co. to Tennessee Beach. 339-0972; Aug. 11: Six-Mile Loop Hike to Limantour Beach, Pt. Reyes, Marin County. 841-9029; Aug. 15: Three-Mile Walk from Bart to Richmond Marina via Point Isabel. 232-7061

Easy Going Travel, 1385 Shattuck

Ave., Berkeley. Aug. 8: Judith Gilford, *The Packing Book: Secrets of the Carry-on Traveler*. Aug. 13: Melbourne Taliaferro, *Village Life in Ladakh, India*. Aug. 15: Joe Cummings, *Mexico Handbook*. All at 7:30 p.m. 843-6725.

Electric Car Show and Rally. North Berkeley BART Station. Saturday Aug. 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Car display, free rides, book sale, other neat stuff. 685-7580 or 525-3636.

Finnish Hall, 1819, 10th St. and Hearst, is offering art classes to children of all ages. Also classes for adults. 528-9090.

Gaia Books: Aug. 8 and 11th, Bob Place will present workshops on *Alchemical Tarot*. (call for prices and times) Aug. 9: Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D., *Kitchen Table Wisdom*. Aug. 12: Michael Lerner, *The Politics of Meaning*. Aug. 13: P.M.H. Atwater, *Goddess Runes*. Aug. 14: Douglas Abrams Arava, *The Multi-Organic Man*. Aug. 15: Elaine N. Aron, *The Highly Sensitive Person*. All free and 7:30 p.m. 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 548-4172.

Great War Society. East Bay Chapter monthly meeting. Topics: "Tsushima to Leyte: The Myth of Decisive Battle" Presented by Steve McLaughlin. Saturday Aug. 10, 10:30am at 640 Arlington Ave. in Berkeley.

International Folk Dance Series meet Fridays from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the

Albany YMCA, 921 Kains, \$3. 547-6355 or 769-9759.

International House, 2299 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley. 642-9490. Aug. 8 11:30am-1:30pm, BBQ Lunch, all you can eat: \$5 to public. Aug. 15, 8pm: Songs from the Golden Gate: Bay Area vocalist, Annie Lore: \$3 to public.

Israeli folk dancing 8 to midnight, Wednesdays at El Cerrito Veterans Building, 6401 Stockton, El Cerrito. 231-0959.

Kensington 55-plus Activity Center, open Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 526-9146. Aug. 15: Interpretive Reading. Lois Drachenberg reads "Chicken Soup for the Soul."

KPFA Radio, 94.1 FM: Aug. 8, 9 a.m.: Democracy Now (weekday special election coverage). 2pm: Remembering Hiroshima. 3 p.m.: Cover to Cover presents Scott Adams, cartoonist. 4pm: We the People with Jerry Brown (weekday show). Aug. 9: 1 p.m.: Archive hour, *The Teller/Pauling Debate*. Aug. 11: 6:30-7:30 p.m.: "Mind over Matter", audience participation quiz show. 7:30-8pm: The Golden Age of Radio Revisited — the Classic Bob and Ray.

La Peña Cultural Center 3105 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley. "Nerudiando": Local poets hold a bilingual homage to laureate Pablo Neruda. Aug. 15, 8 p.m.

849-2568 ext15.

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. MLK Way. 644-6107. Aug. 8, 2 p.m.: Argentina tango lessons with Mariel Cernaat. Aug. 9, 1 p.m. opera video: *Rigoletto*. Aug. 12, 1:15pm classical piano concert: Steve Arnston plays Bach and Mozart. Aug. 13, 1 p.m., "Money Talk" with Jack Burt, "Memory Loss and Community Services", presented by Alzheimers Services of the East Bay. Aug. 14, 1 p.m. movie video: *Key Largo*. Aug. 15, 10 p.m.: Discussion

of musical *A funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* with Hughes.

Pacific Film Archive: 2621 Ave. Berkeley. 642-1412. Aug. 7:30 *State of the Union*.

Touch of a Poet Series: Lorraine Bonner. Aug. 11: Gerstmann. University Art Conference Room, 2621 Berkeley. Readings from 7 to 8:49-3345.



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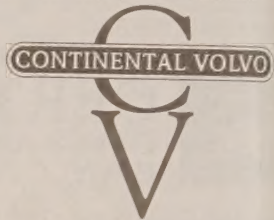
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East Bay Events

Gender-bending comedy



Terri McMahon plays Viola/Cesario in Twelfth Night.

California Shakespeare Festival's new artistic director Joe Vincent will make his CSF directorial debut with *Twelfth Night*, the company's first offering of the season, opening Saturday, Aug. 10 and running through Sunday, Sept. 7. Show previews tonight and tomorrow night. Performances will be at the Bruns Memorial Amphitheatre in Orinda. Pre-performance Bard talks begin at 7:15 p.m. every Friday night, except during previews.

In *Twelfth Night*, Viola (Terri McMahon), shipwrecked on Illyria and believing her twin brother, Sebastian (Tim Redmond), to be dead, disguises herself as a young boy called Cesario. She is hired by Duke Orsino (Bruce Adams) to carry love messages to the beautiful Olivia (Domenique Lozano), who is mourning the death of her own brother.

Olivia falls in love with the gender-bending Viola who in turn pines for the Duke. In a various subplot, mischief-makers dupe the pompous and self-absorbed Malvolio (J. Michael Smith). Olivia's steward, into believing that Viola is in love with him. Complications, confusion and plenty of laughter ensue in one of Shakespeare's finest and most joyous comedies. No other Shakespeare play are there so many songs or are the songs so tightly woven into the plot.

The masks used in this production have been designed and built in Venice by Sergio and Massimo Boldrin. Their shop, La Bottega del Mascherari, is situated directly beside the Rialto Bridge and is known worldwide for its beautiful masks.

Single tickets are \$20 to \$32 for adults; \$18 to \$20 for seniors; and \$10 to \$12 for children. Children under 4 are not allowed. Tickets are available through the CSF Box Office, 548-9666.

Orwell

Peter Stansky, professor of history at Stanford University, will talk about George Orwell and other writers of the left who were influenced by their Spanish war experiences Aug. 10, at 2 p.m. at the Berkeley Center, 1275 Walnut St., in Live Oak Park.

George Orwell, born Eric Arthur Blair in 1903, is one of the most important writers of the 20th century. His experience as a one of thousands of leftists from the world who joined the cause of the Spanish Republic against Franco's fascist regime changed him forever and indelibly shaped his writing career.

Orwell is known for his novels *1984* and *Animal Farm*. He was a minor novelist and journalist. By the time of the Spanish civil war he was a man with a message, a fighter against totalitarianism, and a man who became "the conscience of his generation."

The seeds of the themes and ideas which emerge in *Animal Farm* were sown during his participation in the events in Barcelona and on the front as a fighter for democratic socialism. His experiences were set down in his work, *Homage to Catalonia*, a moving and controversial account of the political turmoil in Republican Spain and a humane and honest account of the Spanish people.

Episode Sunday

Good Lawyer — *Upholding the Law* takes the Contra Costa Civic Theater this Sunday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3. Call 528-2416.

Good Lawyer is a situation comedy made for television. New episodes play every Sunday. The story centers on a wholesome young man who comes to work as a lawyer in San Francisco. Of course, he ends up getting into some of the most eccentric people in the city.

The regular cast of the show consists of accomplished comedians who have performed at CCCT. The show includes Mark Wimple as a hasyseed attorney and a regular as his tipsy, news reporter friend.

Cal ends summer season with 'Working'

By Carol Egan

In keeping with a tradition set several years ago, the Department of Dramatic Art at UC Berkeley is once more closing its summer season with a musical.

This summer's offering is *Working*, based on the book by Studs Terkel. It consists of a series of interviews with real people about their careers. The music is by five composers, including James Taylor and Stephen Schwartz (*Godspell* and *Pippin*). Ralph McCoy, a visiting professor in theatre, was appointed to direct the musical following his successful production of *The Colored Museum* last spring.

McCoy's youthful appearance belies the years of experience he has had in theatre. A graduate of the United States International University in San Diego, he received further training from Uta Hagen and Herbert Berghof (acting), Gwen Verdon and Luigi (dance), and at the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego and the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London.

McCoy, when asked if he was satisfied with the choice of material, said, "I wanted to do a musical that had a message, that wasn't just one musical number after another."

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WORKING DIRECTOR
RALPH MCCOY

in Los Angeles and San Diego. A lot of people see me as a musical theatre person, but I've also done straight plays. I'm dying to do one these days," he says with a mischievous lift of the eyebrows. "I'm also dying to do something that has fewer than 20 people in it, like *Waiting for Godot*!"

No doubt this remark comes from having to rehearse a cast of 24 actors, many of whom had never done a musical before. Despite their relative inexperience, McCoy and assistant director Paulette McConnell have nothing but the best to say about the "ensemble." Most of the cast are UC students selected by audition, while some children and adult actors were recruited from schools and local theatre groups.

Although few members of the cast are trained dancers or singers, McCoy does not see a problem. "They are all agile and there are some incredibly strong voices. Besides, they are all actors. This is not a *West Side Story* with big musical numbers," he said. "This is basically a show where everything is presentational. It's literally a sermon, talking about all of us. If there were too many moments of movement, it would upstage the entire context of the show."

Although few of the cast members knew one another before rehearsals began in June, now, according

to McCoy, "The cast is so happy, it scares me sometimes. I keep trying to hide my dark side from them because they're so happy, they're huggable." McConnell credits McCoy with creating this atmosphere by setting an example with his own infectious humor and good-natured demeanor.

"Ralph is a consummate artist," said McConnell. He's one of the best in the department right now. His casting is intuitive, it's amazing. He can look around a room and, within minutes, quickly and magnificently cast a piece." McConnell is delighted to be able to collaborate with McCoy again. The feeling is apparently mutual, judging by McCoy's obvious trust and respect

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From the cast of *'Working'* — (right) back row: William Joseph Parker, Amir Talai; front row: Abbye Atkinson, Robyn Ganeles. (below) back row: Kyle Hill, Jeremy William Proctor, Gregg Strouse; front: Meg Hemphill, Pooh Mayo, Abbye Atkinson.



Ted Macke photos



Beanbender's: Playing out musical adventures

By Sam Prestianni

In Daniel Pinkwater's futuristic novel, *The Snarkout Boys and the Avocado of Death*, there is a venue named "Beanbender's," where fans of live experimental music come together for what Dan Plonsey calls "a transcendent experience of the sublime." As curator of the Berkeley Store Gallery's Beanbender's creative music series, Plonsey endeavors to recreate Pinkwater's ideal.

This involves coordination of culinary delicacies (cookies, coffee, tea, Blenheim's extra-hot ginger ale), an amenable decor (lamps, paintings, cozy seating), accommodating showtime (Sundays at 8 p.m.), conve-

nient location (Shattuck at Bancroft), and of course, adventurous musicians and enthusiastic audiences. Plonsey envisions the composite showcase as an "expression of art," though he readily admits, "as a medium, it's much more unwieldy" than his other creative enterprises such as music and painting.

Plonsey's partners, Seth Katz and Bill Hsu, as well as Berkeley Store Gallery manager, Bonnie Hughes, also contribute to the success of Beanbender's, which has been providing a forum for local and international improvisers since March 1995. Plonsey says the Beanbender's platform is "to present music which is imaginative, creative, original and exciting to us; to

have a space where musicians and those who love creative music can meet, mingle, listen, schmooze, enjoy themselves; to bring life to downtown Berkeley; to be a subversive force on the music scene, un beholden to anyone;" and, aspiring to its fictional other, "to be an otherworldly presence."

Although the series is the only regular outlet for musical experimentation in Berkeley, Plonsey & Co.'s efforts are not alone in the Bay Area. Beanbender's is part of a mutually supportive community of musicians and patrons, loosely known as the Improvised Music

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Sandra Bullock and Matthew McConaughey in 'A Time to Kill.'

Sweaty Southern set for new Grisham film

By Renata Polt

The South in which the new legal thriller, *A Time to Kill* (from John Grisham's first novel) is set seems oddly anachronistic, as if the past 50 years had never happened.

Ku Klux Klanners burn crosses on people's lawns, torch houses, and demonstrate in public, in full white-sheets-and-pointy-hoods regalia: neighborhoods and businesses are segregated; and the only bow to modern times is a bartender's saying, "We don't allow no African-Americans here," instead of the insulting N-word (although that word, too, gets plenty of currency in this film). Looks more like the Old South than the New South to me, but then I'm no expert.

It's also a South of warm, golden lights, a porticoed courthouse in the town square, heat (each body is glazed with sweat), and violence. Plenty of violence.

The film begins with two young good ole boys (beer cans in hand, shotgun in the

pickup's cab, and Confederate flag in the window) cruising around the black part of town looking for trouble. Not content with stealing beer and terrorizing a few citizens, they come upon a 10-year-old, rape her, and almost kill her. They're promptly arrested.

Afraid, given the town's racist atmosphere, that the two killers won't be convicted, the child's father, Carl Lee Hailey (Samuel L. Jackson), takes care of administering justice himself.

In the courthouse's elaborate rotunda, he shoots them down, also injuring a white deputy by accident.

Carl Lee's case is taken on by idealistic young lawyer Jake Brigance (played by hotshot flavor-of-the-month, Matthew McConaughey), against the advice of his wife Carla (Ashley Judd), secretary Ethel (Brenda Fricker), lawyer buddy Harry (Oliver Platt), and mentor Lucien (Donald

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'Golden Era': 3 days left to enjoy it

'The Golden Era,' by Gary Graves, produced by Central Works at the Berkeley City Club, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7 p.m., through Aug. 11; \$10 to \$12; 649-7477.

By Don McConnell

Gary Graves' new play makes me realize how totally I've been won over to "environmental theater"—that is, producing plays not in a theater but in a setting that becomes as cogent a factor in the total impression as the script or the performers.

Sometimes the setting suggests the drama—as in Augustino Dance Company's performances last summer in the carriage house of the Pardee Mansion, in which storyteller Marijo recreated the lives of the people who lived there. Or Caliburn Theater Company's firelit presentation of a vampire tale one chilly Halloween night deep in the woods of Joaquin Miller Park.

In the case of *The Golden Era*, the setting is a parlor of Julia Morgan's gothic fantasy, the Berkeley City Club. The subject matter of the play is the intertwined lives of literary figures in post-Gold Rush San Francisco. The club has no con-

nection with any of them, but it provides an almost palpable sense of local history, and of romance.

Just as important is the immediacy of the action. Sometimes that's uncomfortable: you find yourself guarding your facial expressions when an actor is performing six feet away.

The Golden Era resulted from Gary Graves' discovery that many of the region's most colorful figures worked for the literary magazine of that name. A few of them formed famous friendships, or romantic attachments. Others, like Mark Twain and Bret Harte, came to loathe each other.

Twain and Harte are the best known. Graves does us a service by introducing us to many others who should never be lost to history—like Adah Isaacs Menken an actress whose career was based on her portrayal of Mazeppa, a slave boy who in the climactic scene is stripped (right down to her flesh-colored tights) and strapped to the back of a horse.

Or Ada Clare, dubbed by Walt Whitman the "queen of Bohemia," a woman liberated a century before that was generally acceptable. Could she have been as electrifying as Graves and actress April Catherall make her in this production?

Or Charles Warren Stoddard, a poet and homosexual who, at least in his monologues, displays a self-acceptance truly remarkable for the era. Mark Farrell makes him an Oscar Wilde, outrageous in public, poignant in private.

The pivotal figure is Ina Coolbrith, who gained a national reputation for poetry so purple that today it seems ridiculous. The niece of Mormon prophet Joseph Smith (a fact she hid), Coolbrith was pursued by both Twain and Harte, but she stayed here when they went back east.

(The play only touches, in a postlog, on Coolbrith's later career—as first librarian of the Oakland Free Library, as mentor of the young Jack London, as the person who gave Joaquin Miller his name, as California's first poet laureate.)

Much of the acting in this production is sensational. Catherall's Ada Clare has already been mentioned; Samantha King's realization of Menken is just as overwhelming. When she takes Mazeppa to London, she meets Swinburne, who

invites her to his house to take a riding crop to him, a scene not erotic so much as exotic and hilarious.

Swinburne is one of five small roles played by Dominic Riley, an actor with wonderful facial control and charisma. Three other auxiliary roles are played by Julianna Rees, who almost equals Riley's dramatic presence.

Twain (or Sam Clemens until late in the play) is played by Mark Fossen, surely the best recreation the author has received. Fossen's engaging smile and genial cynicism are a perfect match for the Twain we know from *Roughing It*.

Jan Zvaifler's Coolbrith and Steve Hayes-Pollard's Harte are solidly crafted, though the script gives them less scope. Hayes-Pollard is sometimes hard to hear.

John Girot brings great magnetism to the role of the vitriolic Ambrose Bierce, but he's hobbled by the script. The play is fully half over before we can figure out who he is, and I could never figure out what he is so angry about. But wearing a sidearm that suggested well the danger of Bierce's personality, Girot is a superb foil to the literati (especially Stoddard, who calls him "Biercie").

At many points during the three-hour, three-act play, I decided it was too long, too fragmentary, too unintegrated to be counted a success. Yet by the end, I felt that I'd spent an evening with some of the more fascinating characters in history, and I was grateful for the experience.

One disadvantage of environmental theater—even if each of the remaining nine performances of *The Golden Era* sells out, only about 300 people will get to experience it. But those 300 will be lucky.

Graves lets us spend an intimate evening with some of the more fascinating figures in San Francisco history.

Beanbender's

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Association, who publish "The Transbay Improvised Music Calendar" for folks on a consolidated mailing list. In addition to the Beanbender's shows, this flyer provides listings of the challenging jazz and improvisational unions which take place across the bay.

In an almost unfathomable paradigm of collectivity, where the music takes precedence over all else—including egos and "issues"—the Bay Area hosts a scene like no other in the country. Plonsey submits, "This is only possible because we don't see ourselves as being in competition with each other. We see having all these venues as helping build a scene which benefits all venues, musicians and the community."

Despite prolific action on both sides of the bay, many of the music's practitioners choose to live in Berkeley and Oakland. A longtime resident of Berkeley (and recent defector to El Cerrito), Plonsey feels that the East Bay "is more conducive to musicianly life," meaning, "affordability." Big East Bay pluses for him include available parking, "the bits of open space in between houses," and fairly priced, centrally situated rental properties for rehearsal space—unheard of concepts in the city.

Even though Plonsey is largely taken with Berkeley—"better food than the Haight, better books than San Francisco, better records than anywhere!"—he harbors strong opinions about the city's deluded self-image as a hub for progressive intellectual and artistic development. He rails, "Berkeley maybe wants to be an intellectual center, but it's very unbalanced because while there are lots of politicians, poets, hypocrites and smart-mouths, there are very few who have any appreciation for the avant-garde in art and music."

He adds, "We see hardly any students from UC, from which we



Dan Plonsey

File photo

conclude that they have little interest in exploring the unknown in music.... Of course, there's a big following for various ethnic musics, which I think is ironic, because we're doing some of the only truly indigenous (i.e., Berkeley/California/U.S.) music in town."

Moreover, he suggests, "White Berkeleyite liberals lap up exotica—not that I don't like these musics myself—but by purist folk philosophy, we Berkeleyites who make our own local music should be of primary interest."

But that's the way it's always been. Throughout history, exploration, discovery and progress in the arts has been almost universally

Plonsey concedes, "There's a number of people who often, expecting to hear..."

The unexpected is exactly what you're guaranteed in a place that has Dan Plonsey's finger on it.

Beyond the Beanbender's, Plonsey works as a clarinet player on an arsenal of ensembles.

One of his most vibrant over the years has been the facturing of Humidifiers, yet infrequent collaborator guitarist Randy Porter and sionist Ward Spangler.

Working

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for his assistant's contributions to the project.

In addition to praise for the entire cast, they both are very excited about the set designed by Kevin Cain, a UCB alumnus and designer for American Conservatory Theatre.

Working actor Abby Atkinson, in her first major production at UC and, reinforcing the words of her directors, adds, "There's a great feeling of togetherness. We're all one big family. I think it's partly because *Working* is a musical that has many parts but no leads or 'star' roles and also because Ralph and Paulette encourage camaraderie among the cast."

Working opens Aug. 9 at 8 p.m. at Zellerbach Playhouse and will be performed Friday and Saturday nights at 8 and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Sept. 15. Tickets are \$4 (students and seniors), \$5 (UC faculty and staff) and \$6 general.

Past Department of Drama musicals have included Broadway blockbusters such as *West Side Story*, *Guys and Dolls*, and *Once Upon a Mattress*, as well as *Medea*, the Musical, created and directed by graduate student John Fisher. This home-grown hit has since gone on to a successful long-run in San Francisco.

Southern

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Sutherland). Can African-Americans get justice in small-town Mississippi in the '90s, with a jury consisting entirely of whites? Jake and Carl Lee are about to find out.

A Time to Kill, directed by Joel Schumacher (who also directed the Grisham-based *The Client*, as well as *St. Elmo's Fire*, *The Lost Boys*, *Falling Down*, *Batman Forever*, and more), is an old-fashioned courtroom melodrama, with a scheming prosecutor (Kevin Spacey) and an array of all-good and all-bad guys, most of the latter being white.

One of the few idealistic whites is Ellen Roarke (Sandra Bullock), a young law student who offers Jake her research skills (and possibly other services, if he's in a mood to take them). It's a rich part for Bullock, and, like the rest of the cast, she shines.

But too many characters are stereotypical: the booze-soaked disbarred old lawyer (Sutherland) straight out of a Faulkner novel, the redneck racists (led by Freddie Cobb, played by Donald's son Kiefer Sutherland), the noble black man, whose final inspiring speech is straight out of Screenwriting 101.

And then there are the film's big questions: Is vigilante justice acceptable; or, what would you do if someone raped your daughter? The film's take on these will give lawyers, ethicists, and the rest of us something to chew on.

Still, *A Time to Kill* is so skillfully directed and acted that it's a treat to watch. And it may interest you to learn that "a lawyer's obligation is to seek and find the truth."

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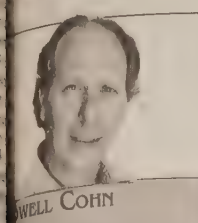
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Exhibition games: What'sname

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Now that the Raiders have had two preseason games, and the others one, we can make a tentative statement: Preseason football is a scandal.

Consider the 49ers Gary Plummer, who broke his wrist last Monday and will almost surely miss the team's first regular-season game. It's a personal matter for him and a crying shame for the team, and the whole thing has nothing to do with the glory of sport, the pride of competition, the agony of defeat. It's all about greed. But you probably know that.

So let's get this straight from the start: No way should the 49ers have four preseason games, or the others five (almost one-third of season). I mean, how interested are fans in the fourth quarter of a game that starts in the second quarter of the season?

Whatchamacallim? But the owners don't care about the well being of their players. Not really. Not when the season is a 24-karat-gold mine for the guys who own the teams.

Winners season-ticket holders, for example, are required to buy season tickets to the preseason junk. Tickets cost \$45, the same price for the regular season. But during the preseason the teams have players less than \$1,000 a week per game. That means the teams actually make more money when the games count than when they have to shell out real money.

During the preseason, each team is able to cut its own deal with local TV stations instead of negotiating in the NFL package. That means even more money. Now we can understand why there's a lot of this junk.

The result is an increased incidence of injuries. Besides the 49ers, three other 49ers got hurt Saturday; the worst was Gino Plummer, who took a horrifying blow to the head. Afterward, coach Seifert, with unintentional irony, said, "It certainly looked like a preseason ballgame." No kidding. Guys were getting checked off for no good reason. Don't get me wrong. Of course we need to be some sort of season. Football is a team sport and new players have to be integrated into the group. But how many games do they need?

Two would be adequate. But I won't take my word for it. After Saturday's game, members of the 49ers defense were angry about losing Plummer. Merton Jenkins, his eyes blazing, said, "I wish we should play two preseason games. We got a person like Gary Plummer hurt and he's a big factor to us. I'm of the opinion if you're going to get hurt, get hurt in games that count toward the playoffs. I never have seen a big fan of more than two preseason games."

Dressing next to Hanks was a McDonald, equally upset, "I'm disgusted. 'Preseason is a high time for us,'" he said. "It's a game that has no effect on the standings. Two games would be fair. Injuries always happen in football, but it's sad to have a player in preseason."

It's not as if the fans are wild about preseason football. There were 19,088 unused tickets Saturday. To put that into perspective, that's more people

NBC wanted Lewis on relay team

Cal's Hunt at center of storm, speaks about Olympic travails

COMMENTARY

By Lowell Cohn

Before the recent Olympics sports fans might not have heard of Erv Hunt. Now they have.

He's the man who made history by refusing to put Carl Lewis on the U.S. 400-meter relay team.

Hunt, the head coach of men's track and field for the U.S. Olympic team, is a man of principle who did the right thing for the right reasons. That makes him rare in sports circles these days.

Hunt has been track and field coach at Cal since 1973. He grew up in Fresno, graduated from Fresno State, ran the fastest time in the high hurdles in the U.S. in 1966, and played defensive back for the Green Bay Packers for one season.

But through all of that and in 23 years running the program at Cal he never made headlines, not the way he did last week simply for saying, "No."

He's back home now in the East Bay, and spoke at length Tuesday about the controversy which assaulted him in Atlanta. He spoke about the beginning of the "Lewis Caper," which started innocently enough, and he spoke about Lewis' quest for an unprecedented 10th Olympic gold medal and his eventual exclusion from the relay team.

NBC pressures Hunt

NBC, which stood to gain rat-

ings points with Lewis on the team, began phoning Hunt, pushing hard, acting as if Hunt was hired to inflate Lewis' medal count or secure his place in history or act as his PR man.

At no time did Hunt raise his voice or show the least particle of emotion during this interview. He

NBC, which stood to gain ratings points with Lewis on the team, began phoning Hunt...

is a calm man who does what is fair. Simple as that.

Hunt explained that even though Lewis, who's been fading as a sprinter for years, came in last in the Olympic trials at 100 meters, he was invited to join a pool of seven runners from which the relay team would be selected. Lewis said he wasn't interested. Well, not exactly.

Lewis, it seems, does not speak directly to underlings, which includes most human beings. He pays his agent to do the talking. His agent is a guy named Joe Douglas, and it was Douglas who told Hunt, "Carl is not interested at all in practicing for the relay, but if you need him or can use him in the right way, he'll be available."

"I was not offended at all," Hunt



Cal and U.S. Olympics track coach Erv Hunt: 'Carl (Lewis) had to know I wouldn't put him in there.'

told me Tuesday. "Part of the condition for running on the relay was coming to a relay camp in Chapel Hill, N.C. July 9 through 12. Carl was elected not to come. I felt it was important for him to come if he was serious about being part of the team

down the line. It would be important to practice with the team, baton passing and things like that. All I was asking him was to show up in camp for four days. I'd give him \$5,000. If he didn't come, I felt I'm sorry. I'll find someone else."

So far no problem. It's not as if a great hue and cry went forth over the land for Lewis to be part of the relay. For heaven's sake he'd washed out in the 100-meter finals in the trials.

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7 gold medals to Cal athletes

By John Gardella

Much has been said about how well Bay Area athletes fared in the recently completed Olympics. But the focus could be narrowed even further, to the Cal campus.

Thirty-five past and current members of the Cal athletic department participated in the games, as well as providing the head coaches for Ireland's men's tennis team and the U.S. track and field team (see related story).

Cal athletes were most prolific in swimming events. Fourteen Golden Bears, representing nine countries, participated in at least one swimming event. And five players on the U.S. water polo team had Cal connections.

Seven gold medals were awarded to athletes with ties to the university. The medals means athletes with

ties to Cal accounted for 16 percent of the United States' 44 gold medals. If Cal were a country, its seven gold medals would have ranked 10th in the world, and its medal count would have been higher than 51 countries with at least one medal.

Swimmer Mark Henderson not only won a gold medal, but he also helped set a world record in the 400 medley relay (3:34.84). Other gold

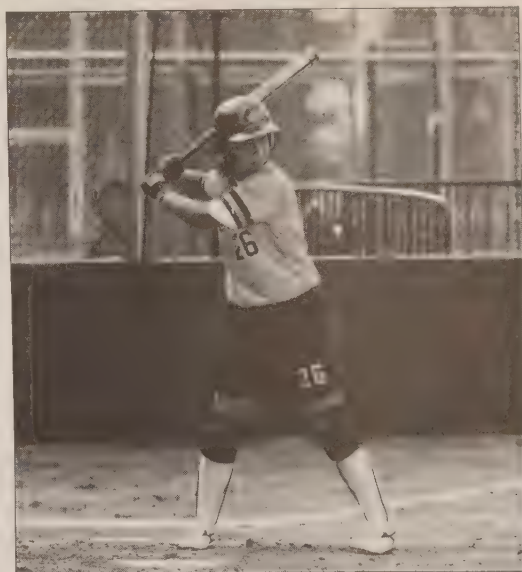
medal winners were: Mary Harvey and Joy Beifeld Fawcett (women's soccer); Michelle Granger and

Athletes with ties to Cal accounted for 16% of the U.S.'s gold. If Cal were a country, it would have ranked 10th in the world.

Gillian Boxx (softball); and, Jill Savery and Margot Thien (synchronized swimming).

Oleg Kosiak (Ukraine) helped his team to the bronze medal in the men's gymnastics team competition.

Here are how the rest of the Cal athletes who advanced to the medal



Cal's Gillian Boxx was on the U.S. gold medal softball team.

rounds fared:

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Fred Honebain — 5th, Men's Eight Oar Rowing
Laurel Korholz — 4th, Women's Eight Oar Rowing

Track & Field

Sheila Hudson — 11th, Triple Jump, 46 feet-0

Chris Huffles — 10th, Decathlon, 8,300 points
Thomas McGuirk — (Ireland) 400m hurdles, 50.76

Ramon Jimenez-Gaona — (Paraguay), Discus, 201-4
Regina Jacobs, 10th, 1,500m, 4:07

Water Polo

Gavin Arroyo — 7th
Troy Bamhart — 7th

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How our local Olympians fared

Gold Medal Winners (7)

Gary Payton (Skyline High), Men's Basketball, Joy Fawcett (Cal), Women's Soccer, Mary Harvey (Cal), Women's Soccer, Michele Granger (Cal), Softball, Gillian Boxx (Cal), Softball, Mark Henderson (Cal), Swimming, Margot Thien (Cal), Synchronized swimming.

Men's Basketball

GARY PAYTON — The guard scored two points, had two rebounds, and two assists as the men's Dream Team beat Yugoslavia, 95-69, to win the gold medal.

Women's 1,500M

REGINA JACOBS — The Montclair long distance runner looked good three quarters through the final but faded badly in the end, finishing a disappointing 10th.

Rookie Racqueteers go to USTA tourney

In only their first year as a USTA competitive tennis team, the Piedmont Racqueteers, a new team with a new name, posted an impressive 9-1 record in the regular season, qualified for the USTA District Tournament at Harbor Bay in Alameda Friday through Sunday.

They are just two wins away from qualifying for the USTA NorCal Sectional Championships, to be held Aug. 23-25 at Carmel Valley Racquet Club for the top teams in Northern California.

The 15 member team — comprised of players from Berkeley, El Cerrito, and Piedmont — have been practicing individually for more

than a year in El Cerrito, but made the decision to form a team early this spring.

"Only two of us have played competitive tennis before," said co-captain Lorraine Chan. "We voted to be a competitive team in our first year."

The Racqueteers are a 3.0 level team (on a scale of 2.5 to 5.0), as befits their light experience. In most matches, their coaches, Denise Tom and Alvin Hom, select the singles and doubles lineups.

The team features co-captain Peggy Ryan, Arline Chinn and



The 1996 Piedmont Racqueteers, league champions with a 9-1 record, head for the USTA district championships. Front row: Debra Constantine (left), Sanae Miyaji, Dana Wren, co-captain Agnes Kang, Susan Ross and Angie Perez; back row: co-captain Peggy Ryan, Brooke Guiney, Arline Chinn, Margo Takemiya, Karen Graul, Miyuki Sheppard, and co-captain Lorraine Chan. Not shown: Diane Cline and Joanne Hickox.

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Lewis

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"Even the average American fan knows when someone gets last," Hunt said.

Everything changed

And then Lewis won the gold in the Olympic long jump, and all of a sudden everything changed. If he was on the relay and if the relay took gold, he could get his 10th gold medal. That meant two things: history and money.

Hunt refused to go on TV, thinking he would be put on the defensive, even though he was sympathetic to Lewis' situation. NBC's cameras did, however, capture Hunt at a press conference held at the Nike headquarters.

"I don't blame Carl," Hunt said. "People were putting things in his head. 'You'll be an icon.' I never got angry at him."

Hunt didn't get angry even though Lewis went on TV and told viewers which phone number to call if they wanted him on the team.

Hunt's feelings about NBC were less charitable.

"I felt NBC was trying to put

pressure on me," he said. "Chris Collinsworth asked me, 'Will you do everything in your power to get Carl Lewis his 10th gold medal?' I said, 'I'll do everything to win the gold medal.' I thought, 'What about the values of hard work? Putting Carl on the team would be sending the wrong message.' NBC didn't think those things mattered."

Hunt never gave into NBC. If anything, the network's badgering strengthened his resolve.

"I felt Carl hadn't been there and I'd only use him if there was no one else. I didn't think it was fair to people who had worked their behinds off. Just because he's a superstar — which he is — I'm supposed to push aside the little guys."

No Lewis

At 2 p.m. on the day of the relay final, Hunt called a meeting with the coaching staff and relay members, who had already said they did not want to step aside so Lewis could win a 10th gold medal. Hunt presented Lewis' agent a press release indicating that Lewis would not be on the team. Hunt did this as

a courtesy to Lewis before he informed the press of his decision.

Understand, Hunt never said any of this to Lewis directly. Remember Joe Douglas is Lewis' intermediary. Talking to Lewis is harder than talking to God. In fact, Hunt never once spoke to Lewis during the entire Olympics. That's mind boggling.

"Douglas was the guy who was always there," Hunt said. "I couldn't find Carl. He always had some engagement."

Lewis' unwillingness to talk directly to Hunt led to at least one humorous incident. It turns out Lewis didn't have the proper necktie for the opening ceremony. He thought Hunt would have a tie, or know where to get one. Do you think Lewis phoned Hunt? Forget it. He had Douglas call.

"Carl can't find a tie," Douglas said. "OK, Joe, I'll get him a tie,"

Hunt said.

It's a wonder they didn't ask Hunt to come over and make a Windsor knot for Lewis, button his shirt and buff his shoes.

If you think Lewis hung around the Olympic Village after the opening ceremony, you're being naive.

Lewis flew away

"He had a private jet which took him back to Houston after the ceremonies," Hunt said.

Hunt was never actually critical of Lewis. But he doesn't fall all over himself praising the guy. His attitude about Michael Johnson, the 200- and 400-meter winner, is entirely different. For starters, Hunt says of Johnson, "His was the greatest performance of any Olympic athlete, period."

That doesn't mean just track and field athletes. It means everyone

who ever lived. Johnson set two Olympic records, and in the 200 broke his own world record by three tenths of a second.

Here's Hunt on Johnson: "I could talk to Michael. He'd call me every day. I have a little better situation with Michael. He's a nice, quiet guy, very serious, a very good representative for track and field."

If you think Hunt's words are double-edged, you might be right. It seems every praise of Johnson implies a criticism of Lewis.

Hunt continued: "Michael follows the rules. If he said, 'I don't want to do it (run the relay),' he wouldn't come back later and wear his way in, trying to knock off somebody else. He would have acted for the betterment of the team."

So there's a clear distinction in Hunt's mind: team player vs. individualist.

About Lewis, Hunt said, "You've got to understand who you're dealing with. Carl has been like this a long time."

Like what?

"He's used to getting what he wants. He didn't show any interest in being part of us. He's interested only in his own guess he's a little self-centered."

All of this, of course, is the main question. Was the American relay team better than the Canadians with Lewis as the anchor leg? It's a situation, really, because Lewis as fast as any of the guys on the American team.

"There's no guarantee we have got the gold with Carl," said. "There's no way Carl could beat Donovan (Canada's anchor man Olympic 100-meter champion). Carl was ahead, maybe by a win, maybe not. He has a major 100-meter dash in time."

When you think about it, Lewis didn't qualify for the relay on two grounds: athletic and

"Considering the kind of person he's been," Hunt said, "I had to know I wouldn't be there."

Amen.

Saturday morning. A typical guy named Joe Schmotz from East Bay, wakes up and is to decide whether to go see the scrubs battle the Broncos.

"I have so many important things to do today," Schmotz says to himself. "It's true the Niners are fabulously attractive, but I'm planning to arrange my social life — athletic socks on one side, on the other. And it's been since I changed the bag in my vacuum cleaner or emptied the trap from the clothes dryer. As I'd love to attend the game, no choice but to stay home."

You get the point. These are a burden to fans and players. "My guess is some day they'll shorten the preseason," Niner offensive line coach Bobb McKittrick said. "There's a need to make it longer, but thereby of demand to make it shorter."

Not among the owners. The things just the way they are.

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Gold Rookie

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Kirk Everist — 7th
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Swimming

Mark Henderson — 9th, 100 fly, 53.23.
Akiko Thompson — (Philippines), 29th, 200 backstroke 2:21.36, 51st, 50 free, 28.51, 38th, 200 IM, 2:23.87.
Anna Simoic — (New Zealand), 6th, 200 back, 2:14.04.
Gordon Kozulj — (Croatia), 800 free relay, 7:43.69.
Dominik Galic — (Croatia), 21st, 200 fly, 2:01.17, Croatian record.
George Giziotis — (Greece), 34th, 50 free, 23.56.
Bartosz Kizierowski — (Poland), 28th, 50 free, 23.34, 16th, 100 free, 50.51 (Polish record), 7th, 400 medley relay, 3:41.94.
Far Lindstrom — (Sweden), 33rd, 50 free, 23.47.
Phrahlalai Minphaphai — (Thailand), 28th, 100 fly, 1:03.35, 34th, 200 IM, 2:22.34, 27th, 400 IM, 4:58.33, 21st, 100 back, 1:04.61.
Patrick Sagisi — (Guam), 51st, 100 fly, 56.93.
Bart Sikora — (Poland), 36th, 200 free, 1:55.33.
Ratapong Sirisornont — (Thailand), 26th, 100 breast, 1:03.81, 19th, 200 breast, 2:17.32, 15th, 200 IM, 2:05.02, 12th, 400 IM, 4:26.25.

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Margo Takemiya from El Cerrito and Karen Graul from Berkeley.

In their first match of the season against Harbor Bay, one of the lead players, Agnes Kang, twice had to be carried off the court by teammates due to leg cramps.

She ended up losing her match, but her teammates rallied for a 4-1 win, which was the start of a nine-game winning streak.

Next came wins over San Pablo, Oakland Hills, Albany Net Surfers and Claremont Hotel; then a pair of victories over separate teams from Fremont. They beat the Castro Valley Aces and barely snuck by the El Cerrito Hot Boomers, 3-2, the same score as their earlier win over Albany.

A Piedmont loss would force a tie for the league championship.

The Racquetters' only loss occurred last week against Castlewood in

Pleasanton. Having won the league and being guaranteed a berth in this weekend's championship, it may have taken some of the edge off.

The Racquetters play Friday at 8 a.m. in the first round of the four-team tournament. If they win, they advance to the championship Sunday at 8 a.m.; if they lose, they play Saturday at 8 a.m.

If the rookie Racquetters luck holds out, if they get by the other district champions from Northern California, they'll be heading to the USTA National Championships in Tucson, Sept. 26-29.

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than live in the whole town of Emeryville.

You can just imagine what was happening in the homes of the 19,088

FITNESS & HEALTH

Summer '96

Don't hide those great new abs

By Paul Yazolino

What's the solution? To get the best of both worlds, I recommend adding a treadmill workout to your AB exercises. Why hide those great abs under layers of fat? Thirty to forty minutes a day on a treadmill, set at a 3-5 degree incline and using hand weights for added resistance, will help get rid of the fat. This assumes two other essentials: proper nutrition (not a diet) and good health habits. Do this consistently and you'll be able to show off those stomach muscles you've worked so hard to achieve.

Here's a tip. Get a heart rate monitor too (not a pulse monitor). It'll open a new world of health information and help you to keep your workout within a range to provide the most benefit. I recommend the Favor by Polar Industries (the least expensive model). You'll be glad you did.

As our August special we're offering a choice of a free AB roller with every purchase of our most popular treadmill, the Precor 9.25 or \$100 off the treadmill price. I

want you to be able to show off those hard-won abdominals while there's still plenty of good weather ahead.

Paul Yazolino, president of Fitness Equipment USA, is the 1995 World and U.S. National Masters champion sprint cyclist and holder of the world and national records in his class. His athletic career spans over 30 years and includes the Mr. USA bodybuilding title and a silver medal in power lifting. His championship-level athletic background and his early training in mechanical engineering make him one of the fitness equipment industry's top experts. Paul is a consultant to the orthopedic, sports medicine, and rehab communities, a member of the Advisory Board of the International Strength Building Council, and frequently appears on radio and television talk shows.

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(Before you begin any exercise program, check first with your physician or an exercise physiologist.)

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Not all the equestrian excitement is at the Olympics! Susan Lea and her Warmblood "The Baron" competed in the Napa Valley Classic at Calistoga in July. They placed fifth in the Equestrian Extravaganza Event. Susan rides and trains at Bottomley Farm.

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Where to go to find an after-school child care program that's right for your family

almost September... do you know your child will be spending his school hours this year? One of the most concerns for working parents is finding high-quality after-school (and, many families, before-school) child care. Some parents have the good fortune of knowing there's a great after-school program conveniently located at their child's school. If you're not among them, your search for child care can be more of a challenge.

that is safe and affordable that your child will enjoy? What do you look for in determining the quality of the program? Here are some pointers to help you choose an after-school child care program that is just right for your family.

The best way to start your search for an after-school child care program is to contact your local child care resource referral agency (Alameda County is served by an agency called Bananas).

These agencies have information on

both licensed and unlicensed child care programs throughout the county. Also contact your school district - many offer state subsidized extended day care (there may be family income restrictions). Other sources for child care programs you may wish to investigate include churches and synagogues, 4H clubs, parks and recreation departments, Boys and Girls Clubs and the YMCA.

You may think of the YMCA in terms of sports and fitness, but Ys are also the largest not-for-profit provider of after-school child care programs in the United States. The Berkeley-Albany YMCA provides both before- and after-school child care at nine licensed sites including many elementary schools in Berkeley and Albany.

"At the YMCA we believe that good child care is good family care," says Catherine Jamison, Executive Director of the Albany YMCA. "Some of the children in our before- and after-school child care program spend more waking hours

during the week with us than they do in school or at home, which underscores the importance of choosing a quality program that meets both the needs of the child and the entire family."

Once you have an idea of the programs available in your community, it's time to decide which one best meets your family's needs. Consider whether you need a licensed or unlicensed program. Licensed programs are required to meet strict state guidelines in terms of staff to child ratio, educational requirements for staff, and physical site. The California State Department of Social Services determines the need for licensing based on the number of hours a program provides care; those programs providing fewer than 15 hours of care each week are not required to be licensed. If your child needs care for just one or two hours each day, you may want to consider choosing an unlicensed program, which may be less costly than a larger, fully licensed program.

The first step in choosing a program is to visit the site and talk with the staff and program director. Be sure to discuss any special needs your child may have. Also, talk to some of the parents to find out what they like/don't like about the program.

Some things to look for in a quality child care program include:

- An environment that promotes positive peer interaction;
- An enthusiastic and caring staff;
- An array of age-appropriate self-initiated and guided activities;
- A staff to child ratio no higher than 1 to 14;
- Lots of parent involvement;
- Affordable fees;
- Parent support services (such as a before-school component); and
- An organized space where kids feel safe, valued, and relaxed.

An after-school child care program that helps your child grow and develop and enables you to feel confident that your child is safe and happy is not impossible to find. Great after-school child care programs are out there - it just may take a bit of research to find the one that is right for your child and your family.



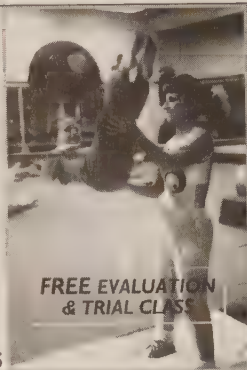
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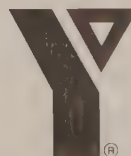
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Thousands of qualified students enter college each fall, but for many of them, the stay will be a short one. In fact, nearly forty percent of college freshmen never get their degree. That amounts to a lot of broken hearts and depleted checking accounts.

On their own for the first time, freshmen are often unprepared for the many choices and challenges they face in college. *The Secrets to College Success*, a video from

Success Films of Burbank, California, delivers a frank assessment of the college system and potential pitfalls. With the help of 24 honor students, the program's hosts reveal insider information and proven study techniques in 14 segments, such as: taking tests, classroom skills, writing papers, studying alone and dorm life. Among the dozens of helpful hints are:

- Arrive at least a week before classes begin.

Get settled and learn the layout of the school campus and library. Read up on university policies and guidelines

- Start carrying a daily organizer. In college there are too many deadlines and details to effectively track without notes.
- Always sit near the front of the classroom. Students see and hear better up front and will be recognized by the instructor there.

- Never turn in a term paper without first taking an early draft to the professor, a teacher's assistant or tutor. The grading of papers is too subjective to take chances.

- Friends and even school libraries often have old tests on file. Students should not rely on such tests to study, but they can learn the topics deemed important by their instructor and expect the types of

questions, i.e., essay, multiple choice, or true and false.

- Be choosy when making new friends. Good students provide positive peer pressure, and party animals are hard to shake.
- Unlike a book on the same subject, a video can be shared by students and parents at the same time, opening lines of communication that are essential when both parties have so

much at stake.

Winner of four 1994 education film festivals, *The Secrets to College Success* comes with a free handbook that covers topics ranging from high school preparation and course scheduling to safety tips and goal checklists. The program, 77 minutes, can be ordered for \$19.95 by calling 1-800-303-5050.

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by Chris Piganelli

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Some children are strong natural learners, some are strong audio learners and some are best at haptic (tactile-kinesthetic) learning. But children can benefit from sharpening their sequential learning skills. Regardless of strong learning mode your child uses, sequence can enhance his/her learning

ability.

Helping your child can begin right in the home by giving them more than one chore to do and having them repeat the list back to you. If need be, start with two tasks, then more can be added when mastery is shown. If your child has poor short-term memory, then let her/him write the list down and repeat it back to you. Have them look at the list only when they can't remember what is next, again having them repeat the remainder of the list. An example would be asking them to

make their bed, throw out trash, then put away their shoes, and then come tell you when they are finished. At the store, an older child can go for chips, milk, then bananas, then meet you at the frozen food aisle. At home let them help you cook, following a recipe and repeating the steps to you. After dinner, playing a game of chess with your child will sharpen their sequential learning skills in a way that's fun and challenge-

ing, even 5-year-olds can learn chess!

Academic skills, like the ones needed for long division (guess, multiply, see if it works, subtract, bring down next number, do again, finish, write remainder, and check answer) need a long sequence and are very "recipe like" in form. When you train the muscles of the body, then the body can produce longer at a more efficient rate before tiring. Why not train the brain

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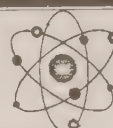
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FLAMING OUT: Now that the Olympics are over, somebody please tell me: Out of more than 11,000 competitors, couldn't NBC find even one who wasn't trying to win for his dead father, injured wife or sick friend?

The worst offender, of course, was John Tesh. (More about him later). But track & field announcer Tom Hammond ran a close second by calling the injury that forced Jackie Joyner-Kersey out of the heptathlon "a tragedy" and comparing her disappointment to what the families of the Centennial Park bombing victims were feeling.

But enough of the prelims. Let's go to the finals (on tape-delay, of course) and award the medals to the winners and losers:

WINNERS:

Gloria Steinem: These can rightly be called the Title IX Olympics. Even though U.S. won the most medals, our men's total was way down from 1992. The reason we did so well was our women. The credit goes to all those feminists who started saying 20 years ago, "Go for it, girl!"

Muhammad Ali: 36 years after he won his gold medal, he was still the biggest star at the games. And when he kissed the replacement medal they gave him at the basketball finals, I bawled like a baby.

Michael Johnson: Any comment is superfluous. Johnson said it all with his feet.

Erv Hunt: The U.S. track coach (and track coach at Cal) took a beating from the media for not letting Carl Lewis on the relay team. Instead, he should be praised for starting the guys who showed up at camp and did the hard work. As Bum Phillips used to say, "You dance with them that bring you."

Bobby Kersee: At last! A coach who pulls his athlete out of the competition because he's worried about permanent injury. Of course, the athlete in question was his wife, but I like to be think he'd have been equally concerned even if she weren't.

Kerri Strug: The girl has guts. But on the other hand...

LOSERS

Kerri Strug: I finally heard her talk when she was interviewed during the closing ceremonies. She sounds like Alvin the Chipmunk! Unless she gets a voice coach fast, she isn't going to be the spokesperson for anything.

Joe Frazier: Can you believe he had the gall to trash Muhammad Ali? "They should have gotten someone else who would have been able to make it to the torch and light it," said Smokin' Joe. "I would have gone all the way up there to light that thing." Real classy, Joe. And you wonder why America still carries a torch for Ali, not you.

Juan Antonio Samaranch: who opened the games by refusing to honor the Israeli athletes who were murdered at the 1972 Munich games and ended them by badmouthing his hosts in Atlanta. Samaranch did throw in a mention of the Israelis at the closing ceremonies, almost as an afterthought, but it was a day late (actually, 24 years late) and a dollar short. Who elected this guy, anyway?

Bela Karoli: The man should be arrested for child abuse. I don't care what he claims now. I saw him shouting, "You can do it! You can do it!" at Strug before her second jump. A real coach would have never let her make the attempt. (See Bobby Kersee, above.)

Sports Illustrated: for telling us more about the Olympics than we really wanted to know, including the fact that the U.S. team collectively has 199 pierced ears, 10 pierced belly buttons, and two pierced nipples.

Carl Lewis: who spoiled what should have been a perfect valedictory by whining about being left off the 4-by-100 relay team. Yeah, I know it was his dream to earn 10 gold medals, but what about the other guys? Don't they have their right to their own dreams? King Karl should be content to be tied at 9 golds with Paavo Nurmi, Larissa Latynina, and Mark Spitz — which ain't bad company.

And Finally, The John Tesh Award For All-Around Awfulness: To John Tesh, of course. How do I hate him? Let me count the ways:

1. "With so many competitors in the top 10..."

2. "If the American girls can pass the Rumanians, they'll be in position to take first place!" (Spoken when the U.S. was in second place and the Rumanian team was in first.)

3. "Amy Chow missed out on a gold medal by less than one one-hundredths of a point!" (The margin was 0.012, which is more than one-hundredths of a point.)

4. "Hot stuff!" (Exclaimed whenever a U.S. gymnast had a good performance.)

5. "Vitaly Scherbo has histrionics against him." (The correct work is "histrory." "Histrionics" is a description of John's announcing style.)

6. And if you don't hate him for his Olympics announcing, if you don't hate him for that nauseating New Age music, if you don't hate him for hosting "Entertainment Tonight," hate him for this: When Tesh was a cheerleader at the University of Washington, it was he who invented The Wave.

Krazy George is off the hook, at long last.

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in The Journal. Phone him at 273-9039; write c/o Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619; or E-mail at snapp@BMUG.org or catman1@creative.net

Solano

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scaping and planters, and possible storm drain repair.

The city is currently in the process of purchasing street lights on Solano from PG&E. New lights will then be bought, with those along pedestrian-only portions of the sidewalk built lower so as not to be blocked by overhanging trees. Ekern estimated this phase of the program will cost approximately \$700,000, although no final figures have been drawn up.

Another issue to be dealt with is Solano's storm drains. As is, storm water runoff is dealt with by a surface drainage system which Ekern said is vulnerable to flooding. The city will in upcoming months search for a more "environmentally correct" system to deal with the runoff.

Changes to Solano's landscaping could include better planters and phasing out eucalyptus trees which currently line some portions of the avenue.

According to Assistant Planner Anna Pehoushek, the city has received a variety of feedback from the city residents who have attended planning workshops.

Mayor

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Kosel announced her resignation July 29. From that date, the City Council had 30 days to either appoint a replacement to the vacant seat or schedule a special election. Such an election could not have been scheduled until March of 1997. The next city council election is scheduled for November of 1997 at any rate; Kosel's term of service would have ended at that time.

Aside from that consideration, the possibility of waiting seven months for a replacement did not appeal to council members.

"I think we all agree that going that long with four people will not serve us or the city well," said Norma Jellison, who is the new mayor.

Residents are invited to apply for the vacant position. The closing date for applications is noon, Aug. 15. Interviews will be scheduled for the evening of Aug. 26. The new council member is expected to be appointed after the interview sessions.

As a means for evaluating each candidate's qualifications, interested persons are asked to fill out an application (available from the city clerk's office), to respond to a supplemental questionnaire and to include an introductory cover letter.

The questionnaires concern the candidate's education and training, "experience and activities in business, labor, professional, social and other organizations," public service on a commission or public body, important items/priorities the applicant would like to accomplish (and how), the applicant's vision and interest in working as a "team member," and the applicant's belief concerning the city's "appropriate role" in the provision of human services.

After Aug. 15, all four council members will receive copies of the application materials. If at least one council member expresses interest in a particular applicant, he or she will be asked to interview personally with the entire council. Any council member also has the option of asking that all applicants be interviewed.

If no council member expresses interest in a particular applicant, however, that person will not advance to the interview level.

The last time a council vacancy occurred due to a resignation was in 1988. Ritz was an appointee at that time. She subsequently ran for the office, was elected and then reelected. Jellison was confirmed as El Cerrito's new mayor by a vote of the council Aug. 5; Ritz is the city's new mayor pro tem.

Voters

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the council that the only way fire services can have an assured source of ongoing funding and current city services can be maintained is to establish the assessment district.

Stark said he has been asked many questions by residents concerning the assessment, including whether it is actually designed to be "a shell game" of sorts. The \$125 assessment will replace half the general fund monies now used for fire services. That money will then be "freed up" for other purposes.

Stark's answer has been that it is a "shell game" of sorts, but only as all accounting is, when different revenues are assigned to different categories. He still believes the assessment is necessary, though at the \$75 level proposed by the citizens' group.

"We really do need to make up at least \$425,000," he said, referring specifically to the anticipated loss of the city's property transfer tax, on which that much of the general fund depends. "The \$75 would also bring in another \$400,000."

That's an amount he believes would allow for the maintenance of current services, "modest increases" and the replacement of lost sales taxes from the Emporium. When the lost taxes are made up from other sales sources over the next few years, he said, more monies will be available for increasing services.

The council wants to do more. Members wish to address capital and deferred maintenance needs not discussed by the task force. Stark agrees these should be addressed but said, "I'm sorry the capital expenditures couldn't have been studied separately."

He would like to have seen a second citizens committee established to look into capital needs and possible revenue sources, perhaps coming back to the community for appropriate funding at a later time.

He did, however, acknowledge the council's perspective when he noted Monday night that, should the so-called Right to Vote initiative pass in November, the council's future options in that area will be seriously limited.

The issue was indeed "pushed ahead" to this ballot by the Right-to-Vote situation, he said.

(Should that initiative pass, only property owners in a community will be allowed to vote on assessments and taxes; voting would be weighted by the amount of property owned, whether or not the person lives in the community. As a renter, Stark would himself, for example, have no vote on a fire service assessment measure.)

Stark believes the \$75 level is more likely to win in November. He wanted the council to set a "realistic" goal to avoid the possibility that the assessment might fail.

"I just want to see this thing pass," he said. "I don't want to see further cutbacks in services and personnel. We don't have that much to cut back."

While teens focused on a lack of youth-friendly business, a lack of places to hang out and too many French movies at the local theater, seniors were more concerned with crosswalk safety, parking and lighting, Pehoushek said. They also expressed worries over tripping on curbs and sidewalks and favored installation of public toilets.

Pehoushek said the city also met with members of the Albany/El Cerrito Access group, who expressed concern about the lack of curb cuts and the fact that newspaper racks often block crosswalk buttons. They also wanted easier access to public transit, more bus shelters, and wheelchair-friendly street furniture which would allow them to sit beside street benches.

In addition to concerns about the timing of the sewer repair phase of the program, business owners expressed concerns about overhanging trees clogging roof drains with leaves and branches breaking off or leaning against their buildings. They also asked for more parking, more trash cans and better control of news racks.

Schoolwatch

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Committee consists of two teachers and 13 parents and meets about twice a month. If you would like to receive copies of their minutes, please send the message "Subscribe VVTC Minutes" to "KASNRS@aol.com."

Kensington Elementary Network Plans Reach Final Stages

At press time, parents and faculty from Kensington Elementary School were putting the final touches on their newly installed computer network at a "NetNight" on Aug. 5 coordinated by parent Tony Travlos.

The NetNight activities were the latest in a series of four work parties coordinated by teacher and technology mentor Phyllis Burch and parents Tom Owens and Ray Mascarnas with their efforts are backed by an

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have come from members of the city's business community who are also property owners. The assessment for single-family residences will be \$125 per year; the assessment for businesses will normally be larger, depending on the amount of benefit those businesses are expected to receive from El Cerrito's fire services.

The final results of a business survey conducted by the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce reflects significant opposition to the level of the assessment from the 126 Chamber members who responded. (That number represents 56 percent of the membership.)

Of those responding, three-quarters favored maintaining the present level of city services but only 39 percent favored replacing threatened revenues by means of an assessment.

Fifty-eight percent said they opposed the assessment.

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The Albany Arts Committee also three cents on the project, suggesting possible improvements and other aesthetic improvements.

The results of the more than 100 surveys residents showed the greatest discontent with the current layout revolving around the street. While 60 percent rating them as poor. While 75 percent of the area as good or fair as a business/shopping area, 40 percent found the street furniture lacking.

According to the survey, Solano's most popular destination is the post office, followed by Safeway. Two-fifths of those surveyed walked to the post office.

The city will hold one additional meeting with Solano Avenue residents and business owners in September, then incorporating the results of the survey for a report to the City Council. More details of the project, the cost of which has been estimated at more than \$3 million, is to be announced at the beginning of next spring.

active technology committee. To date, the committee has completed a complete wing of the school and installed new servers.

Burch hopes to have the network and facilities established in time to do an intensive study of the school's technology needs. She reports that the school's faculty members have been working over the summer to upgrade their computer skills.

Burch also maintains an e-mail list to keep the technology committee informed regarding issues and upcoming events. To subscribe, contact her at "pobm@idiom.com."

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has been "very badly compromised" by the fact that the council had made up its mind already.

At the same time, supporters are generally convinced the voters that the assessment is necessary and that the council had no other choice than to work toward an assessment. Supporters include those who have been involved in fire over the last several years. Active volunteer Freudenenthal, for example, urged the council to spend "a sufficient amount today" to "save tomorrow," should services decline further.

Price urged the community to support the assessment and to plan more proactively for the future, using the additional revenues that would be raised to support that effort.

Gina Brusatori, one of the organizers of an effort to solicit private donations for fire services several years ago, will co-chair the ballot support committee.

Other supporters are new faces around the city. Cafet worked on the task force and will be treasurer of the support committee. Linda Blum, task force and report writing committee member, was a first time volunteer for a citizens' group.

"I have learned a great deal about 'citizens participation' in the governmental process," she said. "My commitment to this cause is both deep and deep. I worked very hard to try and achieve committee goals realized ... the retention of current level of city services (and) restoration of past cut services over time as more revenues are available."

Council members had little more to say about the assessment. For Ritz, the new revenues are necessary to preserve the city's property values and quality of life. Norman La Force anticipates a leadership role to a more proactive stance.

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The Thorsen House: an evening in Greene and Greene's creation

Spend an evening at the Thorsen House 7 p.m., Thursday, August 8. Enjoy this masterwork of Charles and Henry Greene with Edward Bosley, director of the Gamble House and curator of the Thorsen House. Proceeds from the \$45 entry fee will benefit the Gamble House and the Foundation for the Study of the Arts and Crafts Movement. The house is located at 2307 Bancroft Way in Berkeley. Call (415) 431-2665 to make reservations.

This is just one of the events scheduled for "Arts and Crafts Week in Northern California." For information about other events call (415) 599-3326.

The Thorsen/Sigma Phi House, 2307 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley presents "The Last of the Ultimate Bungalows: the William R. Thorsen House of Greene and Greene," a nine-week exhibition of architecture and furnishings designed by the renowned turn-of-the-century California architects Charles Sumner Greene and Henry Mather Greene. The exhibition will run through Sunday Aug. 18. Call (800) 342-5552 to order tickets.

By David Heller

"Last of the Ultimate Bungalows: the William R. Thorsen House of Greene and Greene" is a nine-week exhibition of architecture and furnishings designed by renowned turn-of-the-century California architects Charles Sumner Greene and Henry Mather Greene.

The exhibition features the reinstallation, for the first time in over 50 years, of the complete, original furniture and related decorative arts designed by the celebrated Greene brothers for the William R. Thorsen House at 2307 Piedmont Ave., Ber-

keley.

The Thorsen commission was the last of the Greene's "ultimate bungalows," a rarefied handful of elaborate wooden residences with furnishings designed and crafted during the Greene's brief, but classic, period of design from 1907-1909.

In the words of Greene and Greene scholar Randell Makinson: "the Thorsen House remains the most significant example of the Greene's bungalow architecture in the northern part of California and is one of the finest examples of the Arts and Crafts Movement in the Bay Area."

One hundred years ago Charles and Henry Greene began the architectural practice that would bring them an international reputation. But the kind of acclaim now accorded them would come only after their deaths in the 1950s. Within the arc of their own professional careers, their influence—though ultimately deep and long-lived—was fleetingly brief.

The house designed and built for William R. Thorsen in Berkeley in 1909 was the Greenes' only characteristic high-period project in the Bay Area. Virtually all of their other houses are in Southern California, and most of those in a single city—Pasadena.

While the Greenes are thought of today as quintessentially Californian, they were in fact emigrants from the Midwest. Born 15 months apart near Cincinnati, the brothers spent much of their youth in St. Louis, later moving to Boston to study architecture at MIT. Charles, the older of the two, initially balked at an architecture career.

He preferred art, music and poetry—esthetic qualities he would bring to his later work. Henry's

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—RANDELL MACKINSON, GREENE AND GREENE SCHOLAR

penchant for mathematics and engineering would make its own contribution in the straight-line forms and pleasing proportions he created.

Were it not for the closeness of the Greene family and their father's frail health, Charles and Henry might have stayed in Boston, or perhaps joined an architectural firm in Chicago, and the California landscape might never have known their unique touch.

But in 1893, the brothers reluctantly decided to heed their father's call to join the parents in the small resort town of Pasadena, about 10 miles from Los Angeles.

As their train stopped in Chicago, so did they, taking in the "World's Columbian Exposition" and seeing for the first time direct examples of Japanese architecture.

The Oriental way of building, of joinery, of lighting and landscape was to become a recurring theme in their mature work.

Once in California, Charles and Henry were exposed to the old Spanish missions, and though most were in ruins at that time, their earthy solidity remained and became yet

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The iron gate leading to the Thorsen House is stamped with William R. Thorsen's family design: a Viking ship.

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another influence on the young architects searching for a style that would express a background of art and hand craftsmanship.

Through family connections and good luck, the Greens began their architectural work in Pasadena almost immediately, and they settled in for a long stay. Client after client, house after house, they developed their own distinctive treatments of timber, stone, shingle and brick — Charles experimenting with the materials on his own home above Pasadena's Arroyo Seco from 1901. By 1904 Henry Greene had built a house for himself and his family just to the south. The brothers were sought after and admired, and had increasingly wealthy patrons to support their art.

The Greens' art found its ultimate expression in several large houses: for Theodore Irwin in 1906, for lumber man Robert Blacker in 1907, and for David and Mary Gamble, of the Procter & Gamble Company, in 1908.

The last of these elaborate wooden residences, called the "Ultimate Bungalows" by Greene & Greene scholar

Randall Makinson, is the William R. Thorsen house of 1909.

In 1916, Charles left Pasadena and moved with his family to the bohemian art colony of Carmel, near Monterey.

Henry was left to run the firm in Southern California, and though the brothers worked together from time to time, their most productive years were behind them.

In 1952, the Greens were honored by the American Institute of Architects as "formulators of a new and native architecture." But the recognition came after decades of virtual neglect. Two years later, Henry Greene was dead at 84. His brother, Charles, died at his Carmel studio in 1957 at the age of 88.

Like Pasadena's Gamble House, the Greens' commissioner, for William R. Thorsen was carried out using the finest domestic and exotic woods, art glass, custom metalwork, and ceramic art tiles of the period.

Superior craftsmanship and the Greens' particular esthetic sense were united to produce a uniquely Northern California house, simultaneously influenced by Japanese design and the robust and rustic Arts and Crafts architectural tradition of the region.

In addition to original Greene-and-

Greene-designed furniture, the exhibition will feature important antique Oriental rugs which were originally used in the house, as well as outstanding examples of decorative arts of the Arts and Crafts movement, including metalwork, textiles, and art pottery.

An important and long-awaited historical monograph on the Thorsen House, written by noted Arts and Crafts Movement scholar Professor Robert Judson Clark of Princeton University, is also scheduled to be published by Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association in conjunction with the exhibition.

Situated in Berkeley, on the southeast corner of Piedmont Avenue at Bancroft Way near the University of California campus, the Thorsen House has, for 53 years, housed the Berkeley chapter of the Sigma Phi Society, the country's oldest, continuously-operating national fraternity, founded at Union College in 1827.

The Thorsen House is owned and maintained by the California Sigma Phi Alumni Association. Proceeds from the exhibition's ticket sales benefit The Gamble House and the Thorsen House.

Save time, gas money with rapid composting

Weeding unwanted mystery squash from my vegetable garden this weekend I filled five large garbage bags. The large amount of debris gave me the subject of this article. If I had only started a compost bin, I would not be faced with dragging those bags up to the front of the house, throwing them into the truck, driving for an hour to bring them to the dump, paying the dump fee, unloading the bags and then driving back home. Not to mention the fact that the dump is going to compost my mystery squash. I could have saved hours of time, gas and money if only I had a compost bin.

The reason for no compost bin, is not that I do not know how to compost, but rather that I am a great procrastinator. So, instead of going out to the back yard and making my compost bin I have decided to give you a few tips on composting. Between those of you that read this article and myself, hopefully some of us will take the plunge and compost.

Composting does not mean piling up vegetable matter and waiting for two or three years for it to slowly decompose into usable material. Rapid composting is the only feasible way to compost for those of us that do not live on a one or two acre lot. There are not too many spouses that like to look out the kitchen window at a slowly decomposing pile of refuse.

The Principles of Rapid Composting:

1. The smaller the pieces, the faster the breakdown, so cut things

up into small pieces—grind up woody stems and twigs.

2. The minimum size of a compost bin is about one cubic yard—anything smaller and will not allow the compost to reach high enough temperatures.

High temperatures reached in rapid composting are necessary to kill as many pathogens (disease causing organisms) as possible. Insects, worms, and seeds also meet their demise in the 160 to 165 degree temperature range. Tobacco mosaic virus and oxalis are not affected by the high temperatures so keep them out of your bin.; and it is unwise to knowingly add diseased plant material to your bin.

3. The carbon to nitrogen ratio should be 30:1.

Get the appropriate amount of carbon and nitrogen by using 1/2 green and 1/2 dry materials in your bin. Green material is fresh cut or pruned plant material. Dry is dead leaves, or dried clippings. If you do not have enough dry material you can use shredded cardboard or newspaper (you may want to save this article first).

4. Pile must have 50-60 percent moisture.

5. Cool and aerate the pile by turning it over every three to four days. Having two bins makes turning easy—one empty bin that you move the compost into every three to four days.

Where many people make mistakes in composting is in adding things to the pile that will not compost or that slow down the composting process. There are two additions to the pile you can make as the

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JAN HALL

'Composting does not mean piling up manure and waiting years.'

composting process sawdust, if your pile smells and water it gets.

But there are many do not add and here are some lists of not to layering—mix your green ingredients; compost enzymes; wood ash; bones; egg shells; or a carnivore.

If you follow the five list of not to add should be hot in 24 to 48 hours that means when you get the first time it should be hot.

Your compost pile ready in 16 days—you have the pleasure of your gardens with composted material you have to sack and drag

Jan Hall is the owner of Jan Gardens, a gardening company. She can be reached at 6946.

Hands-on seminar teaches rehab for cash

Catherine Teegarden of RAF Mortgage presents a free seminar on "How to Make Money Using the FHA 203K Purchase/Rehab Loan" at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 22, at a fixer-upper property at 3900 Edwards Avenue in Oakland.

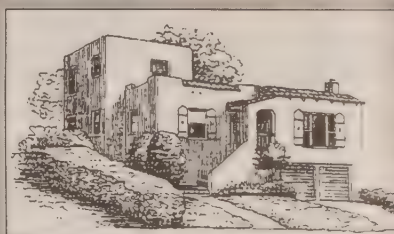
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this fixer-upper property made use of this loan to buy and rehab their property. The funds for the rehab are part of the loan and can be used for owner-occupied or investment properties, one to four units. Invest-

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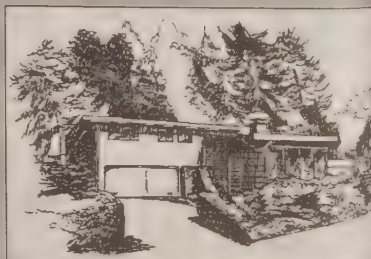
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clients only houses they do not want to buy, that's no good. But how do we know?

Imagine hiring someone to find you a dress for a special occasion. You call Macy's and talk to the personal shopper. You say, "I can spend up to \$100. I think pink or maybe green would be good—bluish green, not emerald. I look awful in plunging necklines. Probably it should be street length but longer would work. Size 10 usually fits me."

What would your go-between pick? Something ruffly? Sleek and straight-lined? Would it fit? Would you like it? You can see the problem.

Describing to someone, especially to someone who does not know you well, what you will buy is difficult. Until you see it, you won't know if you want it. And you might be surprised. What you buy could be entirely different than what you

described.

Houses are harder than dresses: more money, more permanent. Do you know what you will want to buy? Can you tell your agent? Can your agent hear you?

Buyers have been known to say, "My agent has shown me 10 houses and they were all awful or too much money. Why can't she show me something I like?" Was the agent doing this on purpose?

It's unlikely.

Agents have been known to say, "Buyers are liars". Every agent tells stories of buyers who said they had to have a particular thing but who bought something entirely without it. "He insisted he had to have a Bay view, couldn't live without one, so I can't believe that he's buying a house on Acton Street."

Was it a lie? More likely, he didn't know what would make his heart sing until it hit him on Acton Street.

The agent tries. That's the only way she'll get paid. The buyer tries. He doesn't want to look at houses forever.

We had clients recently who couldn't afford much. They didn't think they had many choices. Like everyone, they hoped for a safe neighborhood and a clean house. I can't remember now how it came

'When you find it, we hope you recognize it and seize it.'

up but it turned out that the man wanted double sinks in the bathroom.

Having at least one sink always available to him was going to make his heart sing. What about your heart?

Here is a suggestion: Join in the effort. Go look at open houses, read the ads, keep notes on what appeals to you about the houses you see and what you hated. Then share this information with your agent.

Anything you can do to hone your house image, you should be doing. You want to accurately describe that picture out loud to your agent. When you find it, we hope you recognize it, then seize it while it's available. You're dealing with one-of-a-kind things here.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoff are licensed agents and area specialists who also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached at 653-2050.

Mortgage rates mixed; COFI continues to fall

On August 1 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) announced that its Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for 30-year fixed rate mortgages edged up four basis points to 8.23 percent from last week's average of 8.19 percent.

The starting rate for 1-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) dropped slightly, inching down three basis points to 5.98 percent from last week's average of 6.01 percent.

The average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinancing arena, was up just four basis points from last week's figure of 7.71 percent to 7.75 percent.

"The bond market is up and indications are that it will stay up for a while, helping to lower interest rates," said Freddie Mac Chief Economist Robert Van Order.

"With inflation under con-

trol and the capital markets strong, we can reasonably expect that long-term interest rates will remain fairly steady at their current levels for at least the near future."

This year Freddie Mac celebrates the 25th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey, having tracked rates since 1971.

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Freddie Mac has tracked mortgage rates since 1971.

On July 31 the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for August payments at 4.809 percent, down from the 4.823 percent that was in effect for July payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages. The current rate will remain in effect until August 31.

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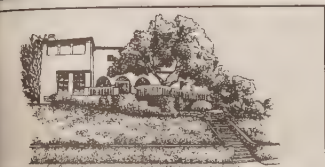
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Build equity as you custom decorate this spacious home on over an acre in the hills! Peek-a-boo Bay view, French doors, massive brick fireplace-Potential! PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

CROCKER HIGHLAND TRADITIONAL\$399,500
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, two story traditional in mint condition. Spacious living room, formal dining room, hardwood floor, remodeled kitchen. A must see. MARK ATARHA 339-4000

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Phenomenic bay view of SF and the Bay is one feature of this strapping contemp home. Quiet tree studded setting, master suite w/large private deck, 2 fireplaces. PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

A HOME OF DISTINCTION\$385,000
Your entire family will enjoy the splendor & comfort of this 5BR, 3BA home resting on a hill near Piedmont border. New bath & kitchen, 2 mstr stes, ample storage & garages.
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EXCELLENT INVESTMENT - 6 UNITS\$359,000
Said will consider all reasonable offers. All 2BR units, near Lake Merritt, low down, assume existing financing, good cash flow, well maintained, call today. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST'S GEM!\$350,000
Gorgeous 4BR, 2BA 1907 Craftsman w/original fixtures, clinker brick fireplace & magical garden. Museum quality! Update kitchen/bath. Exquisite built-ins! JAN NEFF 339-8400

PIEDMONT BARGAIN\$350,000
Can't go any lower on this 2BR, 2BA charmer located in the city's best school district. Family room, FDR, frpic in living room. Move-in condition. MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-6975

UNBEATABLE VALUE!\$345,000
3BR 3BA ranch in Oakland Hills. Remod kit, sunny skylit LR, large rumpus, hardwood flrs, 3 frpics, private decks w/wooded LR views. Enclosed courtyard. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

SAN FRANCISCO & BAY VIEWS!\$292,000
This is the model home 3 yrs ago! Pristine & with many upgrades. 3BR, 2.5BA, gourmet's kitchen w/fam rm opens to back yard. Euro-village setting. HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

WALK TO MONTCLAIR VILLAGE\$289,000
Huge double lot w/level play & garden areas. Flexible floor plan has 4BR, 2BA & rumpus room w/separate entrance - perfect for home office/au-pair. LYN MURRAY 339-8400

GREAT INVESTMENT, EXC. TRIPLEX\$279,000
Good cash flow, pride of ownership bldg. (2) 2BR, 1BA units & 1 studio unit, 2 garage parking, near Lake Merritt, common laundry, small yard, newer roof, 2.5 years old. CALL TODAY! CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

SAN FRANCISCO BAY VIEWS!!!\$275,000
Luxury personified in this unique 3BR, 2.5BA. Townhouse in small exclusive development. Swimming and tennis at your doorstep. Open Sun, 2-4:30 CAROL or MARTHA 339-8400

MONTCLAIR SUNNY SECLUSION! I\$275,000
Tahoe-esque! Redwood & glass w/max privacy, end of cul-de-sac. 3BR, 2BA nicely remodeled. Master suite w/frpic, office & level out to great yard! HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

CHEERFUL HOME & RENTAL COTTAGE\$269,000
Oakland Hills on over 1/3 acre. Garden w/fruit trees & lawns. 3BR, 2BA, fam rm & dining rm in main house. Separate quaint cottages-1BR, 1BA. 2 car garage. HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

CREEKSIDE CONTEMPORARY\$260,000
New listing! Roomy 2BR, 2BA w/a huge family room. Open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, deck over the creek. Open Sunday!! STEVEN BIASATTI 339-8400 X239

LOCATION - LOCATION - 3+ BEDROOMS\$259,000
Move right in. Easy access, near schools, shopping & transit yet located in a Tahoe setting. Good space sep for home office. Same owner for 30 yrs. LOIS C. JOHNSON 339-8400

MOM & POP DUPLEX\$254,000
Comes w/this custom duplex hidden in the hills. 3BR/2BA owners unit plus 2BR/2BA rental. 2 car garage. Ample storage. Low maint yrd, privacy & quality. ARNOLD MUELLER 530-6099

YOUR OWN SHANGRI-LA, PRIVATE & PEACEFUL\$249,950
Just listed! 3BR, 2BA w/large fam rm, move-in cond, beautiful yards w/decks & spa all level living, att'd garage. OPEN SUN, 1st time, 2-4:30pm. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

SPACIOUS AND CONVENIENT!\$249,000
Walk to Piedmont Avenue shops and services from this bright, spacious home w/hardwood floors, marble fireplace and family room-kitchen combo! PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

MAGICAL GARDENS W/BAY VIEW\$245,000
Beautiful setting, expansive windows bring out doors-in. SF view, FDR, 3BR, charming cottage makes dream come true. Open Sunday. MARTHA SHIN 339-8400

DUPLEX SURPRISE! A REAL VALUE\$245,000
2 very large units w/1BR parking-laudry needs TLC outside but what a bargain!! Owners paid 35K more than asking. See today!! HAL MARCUS 339-9281

REDUCED AND READY TO GO\$244,900
3 bedrooms including mstr retreat, over 2200 sq ft on 1/4 acre lot. Gourmet kit, jacuzzi, covered patio & workshop. So much to offer! Motivated sellers. EARLE SHENK 339-4000

ROOM WITH A VIEW MUST SEE TO\$239,500
Appreciate. 2400 sq ft home w/large rms expansion or inlaw potential. Great neighborhood, level yard workshop, hwdwd flrs & a magnificent bay view too. DAWN ELLIS 287-2648

REDWOOD HEIGHTS SPANISH/MED\$239,000
Spectacular Spanish/Med, dramatic view of hills and bay, large sunny remodeled kit, third bedroom w/separate entry. Tree-lined street. Hurry won't last. VICTOR FIERRO 832-4339

LOCATION, STYLE & AMENITIES\$239,000
Tudor w/spacious light-filled rms. Vaulted ceiling, bay w/ FDR & brkfst rm. 3BR & fam rm. Level-out to private yd. Quiet nook in great neighborhood. RACHEL BALLER 339-8400

LINCOLN HEIGHTS CHARMER!\$234,000
Big price reduction. Best of old & new. Total high quality remodel. 3 gorgeous new baths & kitchen, mstr ste & more. Must sell now! Open Sun @ 2pm. STEVEN BIASATTI 339-8400

NEW LISTING!\$219,000
Haddon Hill. 2-story traditional in move-in condition. Quiet street within walking distance to Lake Merritt & downtown. Level yard & unfinished attic. LYN MURRAY 339-8400

SIMPLY THE BEST\$199,000
Wonderful condition and neighborhood w/fabulous new kitchen, spacious light-filled rooms, high ceilings, large, sunny garden, close commute to SF. M.J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

NEW LISTING IN MONTCLAIR\$199,000
3BR, 2BA contemp w/level yard Walking distance to Montclair Village. Very spacious w/lots of rooms, plus non-conforming unit. Best buy for \$199,000. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

CONDO CONVENIENCE-HOMEY CHARM\$195,000
Upper Glenview condo surrounded by residential creates a unique opportunity! Master suite, fireplace, FDR, garage & no maintenance headaches! PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

PRICED TO SELL - FAST\$189,500
Owner wants offer on this 4BR, 2BA trad. Add your tender touch to the FDR, remod eat-in kit, unfinished bsmt, LR w/frpic, hwdwd flrs. Don't pass this one by. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

A BERKELEY VICTORIAN\$179,517
New listing Victorian circa 1908 3BR, 1+BA LR, FDR w/frpic, large kit, sun porch, basement, large yard. NICK LAVROV 339-8400

QUIET CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION\$172,000
Walk to award-winning schools or park just minutes away. 2+BR, even rumpus room, attached garage. Spacious sun-filled rms. Private yard. A-1 condition. EARLE SHENK 339-4000

LAUREL DISTRICT DARLING\$169,000
Upper High Terrace sunny neighborhood. 3BR, 2BA, formal dining room, huge kitchen, wonderful landscaped backyard. Large basement adjoins garage for ideal workshop. HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

FANNIE MAE OWNED\$33,900 - 164,900
Special seller financing available for owner occs & investors. Properties located in Oakland & San Lorenzo. MICHAEL HARDING 287-9598

ROSE PARK TERRACE CONDOMINIUM\$159,950
One of Oakland's most desired condos, 2BR, 1BA overlooking beautiful Rose Garden, spacious living room w/frpl, updated kitchen, custom bath, security bldg w/underground parking. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

NEW LISTING - LEONA HEIGHTS\$155,000
Large 2BR above HWY 580. Remod kitchen & bath, FDR, random plank floors. Level-out patio & yard. Extra parking spaces & garage. HAL CASTLE 339-8400

WHY PAY RENT\$132,500
Northeast 3BR, 2BA w/lots of potential. Master bedroom needs some work. Seller very motivated. Come See! ANGELA LAWSON 287-2625

BEST VALUE IN GLENVIEW!\$105,000
Cute 1930's bungalow w/formal dining room, fireplace, split-level floorplan & more! Deck w/rose garden. Small but in good shape. STEVEN BIASATTI 339-8400

OWN YOUR OWN HOME!\$99,999
Cottage on private lane 2BR, 1BA, random plank hwdwd flrs, living rm w/fireplace, breakfast rm overlooks patio garden, laundry rm, garage. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

CONTEMPORARY TOWNHOME\$99,000
Modern split-level 2BR, 1.5BA condo home. Open floor plan, fireplace, inside laundry, patio & deck, garage. Very convenient to freeway. STEVEN BIASATTI 339-8400 X239

SPACIOUS & BRIGHT\$99,000
Ready to move-in. Bank owned condo w/special seller financing available. In August - call for more information. MICHAEL HARDING 287-9598

SELLER SAYS SELL - HE'S MOTIVATED\$95,000
2+ bedroom could be 3 bedroom. FDR, hardwood under carpet built-ins in living rm w/fireplace, yard w/decks & wired for sound. Must see. Call today. DAWN ELLIS 287-2648

ROCK BOTTOM PRICE. SELLER IS\$95,000
Very motivated. Split level 3BR, 1BA home w/FDR, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, level yard, basement for storage. Near all conveniences. Call now. DAWN ELLIS 287-2648

CONDO - MANIA\$65,000
Terrific one bedroom unit on top floor, quiet w/views. Low, low price, carefree lifestyle. Just minutes from shops & S.F. commute. Pool, sauna, secured parking. M.J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

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DIAN HYMER

An appraisal—an educated opinion of the market value of a property—is required by most lenders before they will approve a mortgage. The lender selects the appraiser but, the borrower usually pays the fee. Appraisals cost from \$200 to \$500 or more, depending on the location and size of the property.

An appraiser determines market value by comparing the subject property with three others in the vicinity that are roughly similar, and that have sold and closed within the past six months. The appraiser adds to the value of the subject property for amenities it has that the comparable properties don't have. Value is subtracted if the subject property lacks amenities in comparison to the others.

Appraisals are somewhat subjective. They should ideally be done by someone who knows the area. Establishing value is easier in tract developments, where there is consistency in home size and amenities, than in neighborhoods with lots of variability. Appraisals are easier to do when prices are rela-

What can be done when the appraisal comes in too low

tively stable than when prices are rising or dropping.

When lenders evaluate loans to determine if they can be approved, they look at the Loan To Value (LTV) ratio. The LTV is calculated by dividing the loan amount by the appraised value of the property.

The appraisal report on the property is used to establish the value for the LTV equation. Let's say you have agreed to pay \$275,000 for a property, and you have applied for a 90 percent loan in the amount of \$247,500. If the property appraises for \$275,000, your LTV will be 90 percent. As long as your ratios are adequate, and your credit is good, your loan should be approved.

But, if the property appraises for \$270,000, you've got a problem. The lender may still be willing to give you a loan, but it may not be for the amount you need. The lender may only be willing to loan based on a 90 percent loan-to-value. Ninety percent of a \$270,000 appraised value is only \$243,000—\$4,500 less than what you requested.

In this case, you would have a legitimate way out of the contract provided you included a contingency in your purchase agreement for the property to appraise for the purchase price. But, if you do want to go ahead with the purchase, ei-

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ther you'll need to come up with the additional cash required to close, or the sellers will have to agree to accept a lower price. If the sellers won't lower their price, they may be willing to loan you the amount you are short. However, this would require the lender's approval.

Another approach, if you are convinced that the low appraisal is a mistake, is to ask the lender to review the appraisal. Have your real estate agent provide comparable sales to show the lender that the property should appraise for the purchase price.

A last resort is to take the loan package to a different lender. In general, portfolio lenders tend to be more lenient on loan approval. You may want to discuss the low appraisal with a new lender. Provide comparables and get assurances that the loan will be approved before you apply.

When a buyer has a large cash down payment, a low appraisal is less of a problem. Let's say you are

paying \$275,000 on a house, with a \$105,000 down payment, and the appraisal comes in at \$270,000.

The lender will give you a loan for up to 80 percent of the appraised value, or a maximum loan amount of \$220,000. You only need a loan for \$170,000, so the low appraisal is only a problem if you object to buying a house that appraises a little low.

According to the Federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act of 1991, borrowers who pay for an appraisal are entitled to a copy of it, if they ask for a copy within a reasonable period of time. Technically the request should be made in writing, but a verbal request to your loan agent or mortgage broker should be sufficient in most cases.

Dian Hymer is a top-producing broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and author of "Buying and Selling a Home in California," (Chronicle Books). Order a copy from Inman News (800) 775-4662.

Feds tap Freddie Mac's Loan Prospector program

The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) will begin a six-month pilot program using an FHA-specific version of Freddie Mac's Loan Prospector to automate the underwriting of FHA loans.

"This pilot represents the National Partners in Homeownership at their best," said Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. "Pooling the resources of the private sector with those of the government, we are striving to increase the nation's homeownership rate to its highest level ever. This pilot brings together Freddie Mac, mortgage lenders and FHA in a test of how new technologies can make FHA work better for more American families."

Loan Prospector, Freddie Mac's automated underwriting service, provides lenders with risk evaluations, using loan application, credit and property information to

evaluate a borrower's ability to meet mortgage obligations. Freddie Mac is actively expanding the uses of the Loan Prospector to meet the needs of lenders.

Freddie Mac took a statistically based scoring model to predict the likelihood of default for FHA loans.

This model was integrated into software that the Loan Prospector uses to risk evaluate mortgages within minutes.

Lenders will process Loan Prospector FHA loans by linking through their loan origination system.

"With this, Freddie Mac takes forward in underwriting loans with Loan Prospector," said David Glenn, vice president of Freddie Mac. "We are on our way to providing a single underwriting service virtually all mortgages."

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5055 DUBLIN AVE. - Have it All! Privacy, space, schools, quality 5BR, 4BA separate au pair, 50 x 100 play area, gardens, parking. Must see! JUDY MAHER\$499,000
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4749 STACY ST. - New Listing! Grass Valley 3BD, 2BA with family room, hardwood floors, updated kitchen & baths. A real charmer! PHYLLIS MILENBACH\$249,500

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30 PM

6240 ACACIA.....CLAREMONT PINES.....4BD, 3.5BA.....\$649,000.....FRITZ HOCHFELNER
1750 TRESTLE GLEN.....PIEDMONT.....3BD, 3BA.....\$554,000.....MARILYN BREMSER
6555 OAKWOOD DR.....MONTCLAIR.....4BD, 3BA.....\$449,000.....NANCY DICKEY
6500 CHABOT RD.....ROCKRIDGE.....4BD, 2BA.....\$419,000.....LYNNE BANTLE
1626 MOUNTAIN.....MONTCLAIR.....4BD, 2BA.....\$419,000.....RUBY NG
40 STARVIEW.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD, 3BA.....\$409,000.....OLLIE HAMMEREL
6679 CHARING CROSS.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD, 2.5BA.....\$379,000.....OLLIE HAMMEREL
2275 MASTLANDS.....MONTCLAIR.....3BD, 2.5BA.....\$369,000.....PAT WHITTINGSLOW
25 KINGWOOD ROAD.....MONTCLAIR.....3+BD, 2.5BA.....\$359,000.....SHERRY BENNINGER
6656 CHARING CROSS.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD, 2.5BA.....\$309,000.....OLLIE HAMMEREL
1760 GOULDIN.....MONTCLAIR.....3BD, 1.5 BA.....\$289,500.....RUBY NG
297 RISHILL DRIVE.....CRESTMONT.....3BD, 2BA.....\$239,000.....SHERRY BENNINGER
3826 BRIGHTON.....GLENVIEW.....2BD, 2BA.....\$229,000.....TERRY KULKA
3133 sylvan ave.....3BD, 2BA.....\$219,000.....JOAN ALFORD
3927 CANON AVE.....GLENVIEW.....2BD, 1BA.....\$209,000.....DARCY DIAMANTINE
6347 LEONA STREET.....3BD, 2BA.....\$199,900.....VICKY FAULK

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OAKLAND ★ MONTCLAIR ★ PIEDMONT ★ ALAMEDA

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PIEDMONT MEDITERRANEAN.....\$1,980,000
A rare combination of elegance & livability with incredible architectural detail & quality throughout. Enjoy outdoor living in walled terraced gardens. The inviting interior offers a fabulous gourmet kitchen, 7BD/5.5BA & 4 fireplaces.
Dian Hymer

MAGNIFICENT VIEWS!.....\$569,000
One of the finer townhomes in Hiller Highlands. 4BD/3BA with unobstructed views from 3 levels. State-of-the-art throughout with gourmet kitchen
Ollie Hammerel

PIEDMONT.....\$535,000
Charming Cape Cod style home in sought after location. 3BD/3BA. Separate studio with exterior access - great for home office.
George Karsant

HILLER HIGHLANDS.....\$525,000
Spectacular large new home in prime location, 4BD/3BA, formal dining room, state-of-the-art kitchen & much more!
Ollie Hammerel

NEW CONSTRUCTION.....\$496,000
Quality home featuring sunny spacious rms, gleaming floors, granite counters & 3 frplcs. 4BD/4.5BA, each bdrm has its own bath.
George Karsant

TAHOE SETTING.....\$
Charming 4BD with gardens, basketball court, master suite & office/library plus game rm, views & privacy
Pat Whittingslow

RIDGEMONT.....\$389,000
Spacious & dramatic floor plan. Inviting front courtyard & beautifully landscaped rear yard. Vaulted ceilings. 4BD/2.5BA
Sherry Benninger

UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....\$375,000
Spanish-Med. with dramatic S.F. & GG Br. view! Level-in entry & eat-in kitchen. Michael Thompson

ROOM TO GROW.....\$329,000
This spacious two-level contemp needs a little TLC. Great floor plan. Partial Bay & Big Canyon view. 4BD/2.5BA.
Fritz Hochfellner

ROCKRIDGE BROWN SHINGLE.....\$299,000
Wonderfully updated 2BD home with 2 generous "plus" rooms, hardwood flrs and a delightful enclosed sunroom.
Terry Kulka

AMAZING VALUE.....\$279,000
18 years young home with approx. 1900 sq ft. Near swim club. Upgraded kitchen, carpets, etc. 3BD/2.5BA.
Dell M. Orr

MARINA VILLAGE/ALAMEDA.....\$245,000
Exquisitely appointed, award winning 2BD/2BA home surrounded by lagoons and marina. Fritz Hochfellner

GREAT BAY VIEW.....\$244,000
New construction in desirable upper Alvarado area, very spacious with 4BD, 3BA, family room, formal dining room.
Nancy Dickey

MONTCLAIR.....\$229,000
Walking distance to Montclair Village. 3BD/2BA all level contemporary with beamed ceilings in living rm, redwood deck.
Adriana Giacomelli

SCHOOL'S OUT!.....\$174,950
Time to make your move. Lg 4BD home. New carpet, paint & roof. Plus rear structure.
Alford

PIEDMONT AVENUE AREA!.....\$169,000
Popular high rise condo. 2 master suites, wonderful view of East Bay Hills. Convenient location near shops & Piedmont Ave.
Ruby Ng

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848 SOLANO.....ALBANY.....5BR/4BA.....\$329,000.....KIM CLEVEL
153 PARKSIDE.....BERKELEY.....4+BR/3+BA.....\$949,000.....TRICIA
2733 PRINCE.....BERKELEY.....4+BR/1.5BA.....\$487,500.....CHRIS
758 SPRUCE.....BERKELEY.....4BR/3.5BA.....\$470,000.....RITA ZWERD
517 THE ALAMEDA.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$283,500.....MELISSA LYCKE
1938 DELAWARE.....BERKELEY.....4BR/1.5BA.....\$279,000.....THE LI
1136 FRANCISCO.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$229,500.....NANCY SI
2248 MIRA VISTA.....EL CERRITO.....3BR/1.5BA.....\$245,000.....DIANA
812 ELM.....EL CERRITO.....2+BR/1BA.....\$192,000.....HENRY CH
115 HIGHLAND.....KENSINGTON.....4BD/2BA.....\$349,000.....TINA EN
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2860 ALIDA.....OAKLAND.....3BD/2+BA.....\$329,000.....JOAN BARN

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BERKELEY ★ KENSINGTON ★ ALBANY ★ EL CERRITO ★ RICHMOND

CLASSIC CLAREMONT
BROWN SHINGLE.....\$949,000
Set in a glorious garden, this elegant & prestigious home is located at the end of a cul-de-sac in Berkeley's finest neighborhood. Newly renovated, this classic home has 4BR, 3.5BA, paneled study & formal dining. The expansive LR easily accommodates a grand piano. Call for an appointment.

VIEWS AND SERENITY FROM THE
TOP OF THE EL CERRITO HILLS.....\$935,000
Beautiful surroundings envelope you as you enter this custom designed and built home. Dramatic and comfortable, featuring the highest quality construction throughout. 5BR, 4BA, full in-law, large custom kitchen, formal dining & a large level yard & deck.

GRACIOUS NORTH BERKELEY
MEDITERRANEAN.....\$665,000
Bay views, lovely detailing, updated throughout. 5+BR, 3.5BA, remodeled kitchen, splendid living and dining rooms, deck with views, 2 fireplaces, plus a lovely garden. A must see!

LARGE ELMWOOD CRAFTSMAN.....\$487,500
JUST LISTED! Delightful 4+BR craftsman, plus cottage in the popular Elwood area. Beautiful detailing, wainscoting, beam ceilings, romantic alcoves. Includes formal dining & family rooms. Quality, size & location make this a tremendous value!

EXQUISITE BERKELEY HILLS TUDOR.....\$470,000
REDUCED \$29,000! Bay views! Level-in to tiled foyer, large living room, formal dining with French doors to deck & views. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, master suite with spa/bath. Beautifully updated throughout.

EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC!.....\$359,000
Oasis in park-like setting has sweeping bay views! Redwood contemp with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths on a huge lot of approx. 15,000 sq. ft.! A retreat from the real world!

CHARMING 1925 TRADITIONAL.....\$330,000
New listing on a quiet cul-de-sac! Scenic vista. Three bedrooms, 2 baths, lovely detail.

BREATHTAKING BAY VIEWS
FROM OAKLAND.....\$329,000
JUST LISTED! Spacious and charming, this one is for you! 3 bedrooms, 2+ baths, family room and 2 fireplaces. Peaceful patio and large yard.

SPARKLING NORTH BERKELEY
REMODEL.....\$330,000
REDUCED \$20,000! Large, spacious and sun-filled bedroom, 2 bath home, remodeled throughout. Great kitchen, hwd floors, fireplace and slate tile. Near Hopkins track, pool and tennis and Market. A lot of house, in a great location.

SWEAT EQUITY OPPORTUNITY IN LARGE
BERKELEY TRADITIONAL.....\$279,000
Big, comfortable 4 bedroom home with built-in sun-filled rooms, formal dining & large yard to campus, BART and North Berkeley shops. New work but could shine!

CHARMING BERKELEY BUNGALOW
WITH INCOME.....\$269,000
Spacious and full of sunlight with hwd floors, formal dining with built-ins, 2BR, on a quiet Berkeley street. Cottage in rear with maximum privacy.

NORTH BERKELEY CHARMER.....\$239,000
Superb and affordable! Great North Berkeley location, walk to Gourmet Ghetto. 2BR, 1BA plus separate in-law. Formal dining, hardwood floors and fireplace. Tremendous opportunity.

NEW LISTING IN EL CERRITO.....\$269,000
A great view from this move-in condition home. New kitchen, hardwood floors, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, plus huge, extra room. Yard and deck.

LIKE A PENTHOUSE!.....\$199,000
Top floor end unit with balcony, super private & quiet. Hill views! 2BR, 2BA, many upgrades, very spacious with fireplace, laundry, parking. Sunny bright. Walk to UC or College Ave. shops.

SUN-FILLED EL CERRITO BUNGALOW.....\$199,000
JUST LISTED! Gleaming hardwood floors, marble fireplace, 2 bedrooms and 1 bath all in a desirable Cerrito neighborhood. This one won't last!

REDONE NORTH OAKLAND
BUNGALOW.....\$139,000
NEW PRICE! TOTALLY RENOVATED! Redone kitchen, new roof, carpets and paint. Wood floors, formal dining and fireplace. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, large backyard.

3 LOTS IN BERKELEY & PLANS.....\$119,000
ATTENTION BUILDERS! Reduced to bare rock! Privacy and seclusion. 3 lots subdivided into 2 parcels in Claremont Hills. Architect plans available. 2 homes, one a 4000 sq ft luxury home with views.

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Events

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and an Evening at the House 7 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 8. This masterwork of Greene with Edward Bosley, of the Gamble House and of the Thorsen House. From the \$45 entry fee will be the Gamble House and the Thorsen House. The Thorsen House is located at 2307 Bancroft in Berkeley. Call (415) 431-1000 to make reservations. This is one of the events scheduled for Arts and Crafts Week in Northern California. For information about events call (415) 599-3326.

Enjoy a Walking Tour of a Berkeley Arts and Crafts Neighborhood. The walk is scheduled for Fri. Aug. 9 in the late afternoon. Sponsored by the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association (BAHA), the tour will be followed by dinner at a Berkeley restaurant. For more information call Anthony Bruce at 841-2242. This is just one of the events scheduled for "Arts and Crafts Week in Northern California." For information about other events call (415) 599-3326.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley presents **Carpentry Basics for Women: Hands-On and Landscape Design**, Sat., Aug. 10. **Installing Windows, Doors and Skylights** and **The Smart Seller Seminar** are on the schedule for Sat. Aug. 17. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

Realtor Marsha Quick of Red Oak Realty and mortgage broker Karen Ward of CMG Mortgage present **Woman to Woman: Finding the Keys to Buying Your Own Home**, 10 a.m. to noon, Sat., Aug. 10 at 1532 Solano Ave. in Albany. Topics include investigating neighborhoods, setting priorities, teaming with industry professionals and getting an overview of the buying process. Get straight talk about interest rates, loan qualification and strategies to minimize closing costs. \$25 fee. For reservations call 718-2134.

Betty Marvin and Stana Hearne will lead you through **Embarcadero Cove**, 10 a.m. to noon, Sat. Aug. 10. This Oakland Heritage Alliance presentation will tour a "recreated" historic district begun in the '70s when the East Oakland Railroad

Station and homes of early Adam's Point residents were moved here. See the historic California Cotton Mill and hear the story of "Pipe City" or "Miseryville." Meet in front of Quinn's Lighthouse, 51 Embarcadero Cove in Oakland. The cost is \$4 for OHA members and \$6 general. Call 763-9218 for more information.

The Oakland Tours Program presents a free walking guided tour **Uptown to the Lake**, 10 a.m., Sat., Aug. 10. Art Deco is the emphasis of this tour, which includes the Paramount Theater, the Fox Oakland Theater, and the Kaiser Center Roof Garden with its view of Lake Merritt. Meet in front of the Paramount Theater, 2025 Broadway. Call 238-3234 for more information about this tour or about any of the city of Oakland's seven free walking tours.

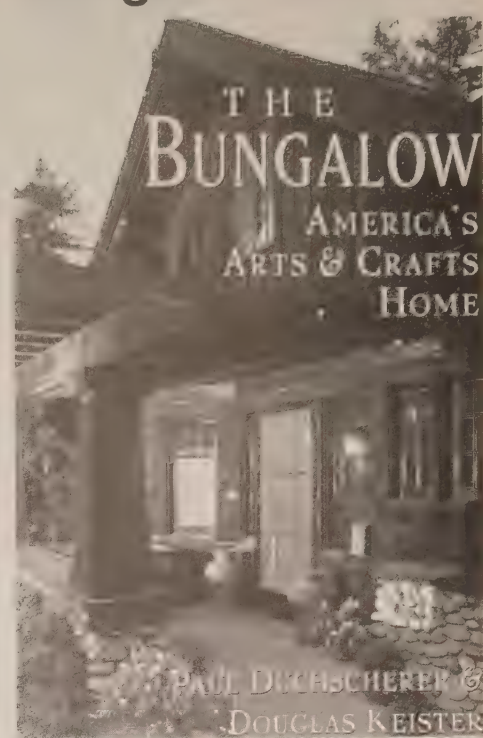
Join dealers from across the country at the **Arts and Crafts Sale**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat. Aug. 10 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. Aug. 11 at the Concourse Exhibition Center, 8th and Brannan Streets, San Francisco. Enjoy a wide selection of merchandise from the Art Nouveau into the early 20th century. Admission is \$6 and tickets are sold at the door. This is just one of the events scheduled for "Arts and Crafts Week in Northern California." For information about other events call (415) 599-3326.

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority will host a free **Worm Composting Workshop**, 10 a.m. to noon, Sat. Aug. 10. This hands-on class teaches how to compost kitchen waste using red wigglers. Transform trash into free, nutritious fertilizer. Call 635-6275 for more information.

The East Bay Asian Local Development and the Golden State

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Book takes look at 'Bungalow Heaven'



Keister and Duchscherer's book explores the myriad bungalow variations from Swiss Chalet to Tudor and Mission Revival.

It's not hard to love a bungalow. These charming little homes with their trademark front porches carries on stout, tapered columns stand row upon row in districts such as Oakland's Rockridge and Laurel.

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Interior designer and historian

Paul Duchscherer teamed up with East Bay photographer Douglas Keister, whose credits include several of the books in the "Painted Ladies" series, to create *The Bungalow: America's Arts and Crafts Home*.

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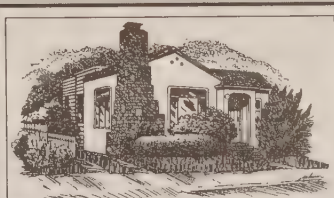
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REAL ESTATE LAW CORNER

ROBERT HAYES



This corner's recent columns on the remodeling process have elicited a number of questions about adequate insurance protection. At the risk of putting us all fast asleep, what follows is a non-technical overview of the issues involved.

First some basic definitions. An insurance policy is essentially a contract of indemnification between an insured and an insurer. As such, what is included and what is excluded are somewhat negotiable although, to be sure, insurance policies have a large "take it or leave it" character.

Usually, it's a matter of paying an additional premium for additional coverage—adding, for example, earthquake insurance. Read the policy. Talk to your insurance broker about what the policy does and does not cover, and what, if anything, you can do about its limitations.

Insurance policies divide into those which provide "first party" coverage and those which provide "third party" coverage. This is a way of distinguishing between policies which cover damage suffered by an insured party ("first party" coverage), such as a homeowner's or builder's risk policy and those which cover damage caused by an insured party ("third party" coverage), such as liability insurance. Both should be maintained during a remodeling project.

Insurance is always about negligently caused loss, never about intentionally caused loss or damages. General liability insurance protects against bodily injury and property damage for which the insured party is responsible.

So, if somebody is injured in an accident for which the law holds you responsible, and you have a general liability insurance policy in effect, the insurance company will defend you (pay your legal costs) and indemnify you (settle the case or pay any judgment

which may be obtained against you) up to the limits of the policy.

The potential for such injury on a construction site is extremely high so the first insurance issue you should attend to is to see that you, the contractor, the architect, the engineer (if any), and all subcontractors maintain adequate amounts of liability insurance throughout the construction project. Also be certain that all policies name all other parties as "additional insureds" on each other's policies.

Liability insurance is relatively inexpensive, so you should carry, and require others to carry more, rather than less, coverage—\$500,000 for small jobs, and at least \$1,000,000 for larger ones—especially if you have sizeable assets to protect.

The contractor and each subcontractor should be required to provide you with Certificates of Insurance, verifying that the required policy is in effect.

With respect to covering the risk of damage caused to your property—first party coverage—you will want to have both a homeowner's policy and a builder's risk policy in effect.

A builder's risk policy protects against such risks as vandalism, malicious mischief and defective construction. This policy (in the absence of an appropriate endorsement) will not insure against the defective construction itself, but it will cover damage resulting from the defect.

Thus, the policy will not cover the cost of replacing a negligently constructed roof but will pay for damage to walls, floors, and personal property resulting from water that the defective roof allows into the structure.

This is where your homeowner's insurance may come to the rescue. Read the exclusions section of the policy carefully. If damage arising from defective construction is not specifically

excluded, it is covered. Where it is excluded, you may be able to purchase coverage by means of an endorsement to the policy.

Keep in mind that where damage results from multiple causes—some covered, some excluded—the availability of coverage will be determined by whether or not the primary cause is covered or excluded from the policy. For example, if landslide is excluded but defective workmanship covered, and it is determined that the primary reason for the collapse of a deck in a landslide was the negligent construction, not the landslide itself, there will be coverage.

You will find the contract language which creates these insurance obligations in Article 11 of AIA 201, the General Conditions document, which I discussed in my last column. What you will find there is language requiring the contractor to maintain liability insurance adequate to the risks of the job and to provide the owner

With acceptable Certificates of Insurance to that effect there is additional language requiring the owner to purchase liability insurance as well as all risk property insurance coverage the insurable interests of owner, contractor, and

subcontractors.

The owner should impose the same requirement on the contractor in its contracts with all subcontractors.

Most importantly, and very often overlooked, the owner must remember to follow through and collect the various Certificates of Insurance, checking to see that all relevant parties have been named as additional insureds.

Why go to so much trouble just to get a new kitchen or deck? Because, I am sorry to inform you, that there is a very real risk that something will go wrong—that sizeable amounts of money will be involved, that lawyers will have to be hired, and that your contractor will have no money.

The more thorough you have been in seeing to the insurance aspects of the project, the more likely it will be that when that melancholy day arrives, your lawyer will be able to trigger insurance coverage that will cover the costs involved.

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Latest real estate fee: transaction coordinator

By H. W. Moss

Back office support is rare in the real estate industry, unlike the corporate world where an executive secretary can command a high salary and be almost as important as the person they work for, real estate salespeople ordinarily must fend for themselves. If real estate salespeople want someone to type letters for them, they pay the typists out of their own pockets.

But there is a growing practice in the industry which has led some to cry foul. On top of a variety of what are known as "garbage fees"—those incidental charges on escrow papers that always come as an unpleasant surprise to both buyer and seller—there is a new expense.

That's because some agents have begun using a third party, who may or may not be licensed, to assist them and to follow the deal and complete the paper work. These assistants have come to be known as "transaction coordinators" and they are usually paid at close of escrow.

Sometimes the fee appears on escrow papers as an "escrow tracking" expense. Although they are relatively unknown in many parts of the state, their popularity is growing. A company called Real Estate Transaction Coordinators owned by Marilyn and Morris Carmichael has been involved in a number of transactions in the East Bay and the idea has become quite common in

the Los Angeles area. "They just started Alameda County," says Ramos, an escrow officer with American Title. "They're popular now." Transaction coordinators may actually be a brokerage as part of an office staff or they may be independent outside companies. If they are coordinating the sale, they are paid out of the sale. If they are the buyer's agent, they pay for the service on purchase price and costs.

The cost of the service from \$265 to \$375, which is roughly half the price of a full insurance policy, is not seen many in San Francisco, said Ann Corkery, a broker with Fidelity National. "Where we are directed, our escrow to pay the coordinator fee and charge it to the seller—sometimes we do that."

Yet there is no requirement anyone but the broker or son pay for this service, at the discretion of a broker, transaction coordinator involved and there is some that brokers may use their salespeople to use a coordinator—and charge it to the buyer. That's because it is a huge advantage that this business

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■ **OPENING OFFER:** \$1,650,000

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In a traditional real estate office... the agent does all the leg work to... make sure every required document... has the correct signatures, that all... disclosures have been made, that... the buyer has qualified for a loan... that fire insurance is in place, that... contingencies have been removed... and all inspections have been done... within the time frame of the sales... contract.

In our office we use a "deal folder" from Professional Publishing... in San Rafael, which itemizes... all aspects of the transaction and... assists us in tracking a sale. It has... always been the sole job of the sales... person in our office to move a sale... along to its final conclusion.

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The best defense against this is... to ask in advance whether or not the... broker uses the services of a coordi... nator. If not, get it in writing.

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Title company augments service program

To continue to meet the needs... of its lender-based clients in Cali... fornia, First American Title In... surance Company through its... Lenders Advantage Division, is... now providing centralized cus... tomer service.

The Centralized Customer Service... Center captures the most up-to-date... and accurate information from a... statewide property information... database, enabling clients to obtain... property profiles, legal and vesting... information, comparable sales data... tax roll- and verbal information, as... well as farm packages through points-of... contact.

"A large segment of the mortg... age industry is moving toward a... more centralized way of conducti... ng business," said Lenders Division... State Sales Manager Ron Songrath... "From the perspective of providing... centralized services, our clients are... now able to contact the central cus... tomer service center for all their statewide customer

service requests."

First American Title's Lenders... Advantage is now providing products... and services in a more convenient... and expedient manner, thereby... decreasing the workload for the client... Lenders benefit by receiving:

- **Property profiles**—Brief synopses of property statistics, including assessed owner, assessed value, site address, legal description, physical characteristics, assessor's parcel maps (except condominiums) and comparable sales.

- **Legal and vesting information**—Information as to current owner vesting, last transfer of deed, legal descriptions of property and ownership information are made available.

- **Comparable sales data**—Recent sales information surrounding a subject property, used to determine value.

- **Tax Roll Information**—Describes the physical characteristics of property, such as square footage, assessed value, room count, legal

description, assessed owner and address;

- **Verbal information**—Ownership information, including current owner, date of sale and document number. Outstanding loan information such as amount of loan, beneficiary, date of recording and document number;

- **Farm packages**—As the primary request from mortgage companies and banks, the centralized customer service provides ownership information in printed forms with labels.

"We introduced the centralized customer service to be in sync with the trend of centralization with the large mortgage lenders," said Lenders Advantage Division Vice President Dennis Gilmore.

"At First American Lenders Advantage, we have the capability to transfer all customer service information by using electronic linkages."

Based in Santa Ana, Lenders Advantage, a division of First

American Title Insurance Company, was formed to address the title and escrow needs of lenders' residential properties including limited coverage policies for equity lines of credit, ALTAs and CLTAs for refinancing transactions, trustee sales guarantees for foreclosures, as well as owner policies and lender policies for real estate owned properties.

First American Title Insurance Company, headquartered in Santa Ana, is the principal subsidiary of the First American Financial Corporation and traces its history to 1889. One of the largest title insurance companies in the nation, it offers title services through a network of more than 300 offices and 4,000 agents throughout the United States.

First American Title Insurance Company also provides title services abroad in the Bahama Islands, Bermuda, Canada, Guam, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the United Kingdom.

Docent training class begins soon at Ruth Bancroft Gardens

The Ruth Bancroft Garden is looking for a few good people to join a new Docent Training Program at the Garden, beginning Wednesday August 14 at 9:30. Classes will continue on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to noon through the end of September.

There is no charge to attend, but trainees are expected to lead a minimum of two tours per month.

The Docent Program is designed to train docent-volunteers to give tours of the garden to visitors.

Requirements for trainees are simple: an enthusiasm for plants and gardens, a sincere interest in learning about the Ruth Bancroft Garden and the ability to speak in front of small groups of people.

The instructor will be the garden's Executive Director Richard Turner.

Call the RBG Hotline 210-9663 to register for classes or write The Ruth Bancroft Garden, 1815D Ygnacio Valley Road, #344, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

Seminar helps women find keys to own homes

Realtor Marsha Quick of Red Oak Realty and mortgage broker Karen Ward of CMG Mortgage present the seminar "Woman to Woman: Finding the Keys to Buying Your Own Home," 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, August 10 at 1532 Solano Ave. in Albany. Learn how to investigate neighborhoods, get advice on setting your home-buying priorities, and learn the advantages of teaming with real estate in-

dustry professionals for both your home search and for obtaining the necessary financing.

Get an overview of the buying process from a loan professional along with some straight talk about interest rates, the best route to loan qualification as well as strategies to minimize your closing costs. There is a \$25 fee. To make a reservation for the workshop or more information call 718-2134.

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Parkwood rises from the ashes

By Aidan Harty

As a residential community which meets easily and successfully the requirements of modern urban living, Parkwoods Condominiums is one of the top ten selling subdivisions in California.

The contemporary Mediterranean architecture blends with, rather than imposes itself on the natural environment, and its exceptional planning and design encompasses beauty, comfort and a sense of purpose.

Located just west of the Caldecott Tunnel in the Oakland Hills, Parkwoods received the "Best of Show" Grand Award in the Residential Community of the Year, Attached Home category in a ceremony by Pacific Coast Builders Conference and *Builder* magazine.

Interest in the already fast-selling development was heightened even further when an article in *The San Francisco Examiner* reported on the award. "The day the article came out, about twenty additional people showed up, and about thirty-five over the next week," said Don Wheaton, a sales manager at Parkwoods.

"I think we sell well because it's a great location, convenient to everything—combined with favorable pricing and good floor plans," said Wheaton.

The development improves on

the architecture and living arrangements of the Parkwoods Apartments, the complex destroyed in the 1991 Firestorm. Central atriums in every building and fountains in many make the new development more architecturally dramatic.

The U-shaped development emphasizes community by focusing on the center, an area designated for recreation. The complex has overtones of an old European village in the way it slopes up the hillside and accommodates to its natural setting. Replanting, which consists mostly of Redwood trees, has been extensive on the site.

When complete eight buildings will house 433 condominiums ranging in size from 728 to 1300 square feet. A one bedroom condo ranges from \$110,000 to \$150,000 and for a two bedroom from \$160,000 to \$210,000.

"With five basic floor plans with

'I think we sell well because we're convenient to everything.'

—DON WHEATON, SALES MANAGER

three loft variations, the buyer has eight floor plans to choose from," said Wheaton. "Home owners dues are about \$176 to \$216 a month—typical for the amenities."

What does the future hold for Parkwoods? "We'll be here another two years building and selling," said Wheaton. "We'll have a pool and spa, a fitness center, the blueprints even show a firepit for social gatherings."

Aidan Harty is a free-lance writer who lives in Oakland.

Directory points way to savings

Buy great stuff at low prices with the help of the "Reuse Directory" shop the 220 REUSE/rental/repair stores in Berkeley and Albany.

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GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400

PRICE. Berkeley 4+bd/1ba \$487,500
Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495

758 SPRUCE. 4bd/3+ba \$470,000
Coldwell Banker, Rita Zwerdling 486-1495

62 NORTHAMPTON. No. Berk Hills 4+bd/2b, Spanish Med, reduced! \$429,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387, Judy D. SUNDAY 2-4

3082 BUENA VISTA. 3bd/2ba contemporary, GG vistas, 1/4 acre \$375,000
Mason-McDuffie, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010

1833 CEDAR ST. Price reduction! 4/2 +studio space, fab nw kitchen \$349,000
Marvin Gardens, Te 452-6225

2517-19 DERBY. Lovely 4+bd/3b hm on grand scale, remodeled \$349,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4224

10 AVENIDA. Berkeley Hills, pristine 3bd/2ba ranch, move in today \$319,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, David Otero 869-4239

1900-02 BERRYMAN. New listing! Gourmet ghetol 2bd duplex, A-1 \$297,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 SUNDAY 2-4

478 MICHIGAN. 1st open! great potential for elegant 3/2, pano vw \$289,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X125 SUNDAY 2-4

2341 ACTON ST. 3bd/1ba owners home + 2 lovely flats \$285,000
Templeton Company, Gini Erick 652-2133 X133 SUNDAY 2-4

517 THE ALAMEDA. 2bd/1ba \$283,500
Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495

1938 DELAWARE. Berkeley 4bd/1ba \$279,000
Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495

1611 POSEY AVE. New listing! charming 2bd/1ba, remodeled kit \$269,000
Templeton Company, Nancy Lee Noman 652-2133 X124

3005 FULTON ST. A knock-out of a house! 3bd/1ba \$250,000
Templeton Company, Faye Keogh 652-2133 X126 SUNDAY 2-4

1136 FRANCISCO. 2bd/1ba \$229,500
Coldwell Banker, Nancy Silver 486-1495

2328 CURTIS ST. Fab buy, move in! lightfilled 3bd/2ba \$195,000
Templeton Company, Anne Van Dyke 652-2133 X142 SUNDAY 1-4

3011 DOHR ST. 2bd/1ba, new listing! upgrades throughout, move in \$179,500
Pacific Union, Rich Gould 339-6460

2424 BRYON. New look for 2bd on great block! \$169,500
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X114 SUNDAY 2-4

1721 BERKELEY WAY. 2bd/1ba \$135,000
Coldwell Banker, The Longs 339-1174

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

6817 DON CAROL. @ Arlington, 4bd/2+ba, family rm, FDR, 2 frpls \$385,000
Mason-McDuffie, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010 SUNDAY 2-4:30

549 COLUSA AVE. Great view! 3bd/2ba, move in, nr shopping/trans \$257,500
Harbor Bay Realty, Martha Turner 522-4648 SUNDAY 2-4

2248 MIRAVISTA. El Cerrito 3bd/1ba \$245,000
Coldwell Banker, Diana Kay 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

1337 LAWRENCE. 2bd, study, PLUS spacious bonus rm down, 2ba \$219,500
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X107 SUNDAY 2-4

812 ELM. El Cerrito 2+bd/1ba \$192,000
Coldwell Banker, Henry Chang 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

KENSINGTON Open Sunday

115 HIGHLAND. Kensington 4bd/2ba \$349,000
Coldwell Banker, Tina Ensign 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

ORINDA Open Sunday

92 ORCHARD RD. Exquisite 6bd/5ba, winecellar, guest qtrs, pool \$1,065,000
The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400 SUNDAY 1-4

33 E. ALTARINDA DR. 4/3 1/2 "Nearby City Lights". Orindawoods, \$605,000
custom. Aupair, level yd, 3000+sf. UCB, Ellie Bowden 939-2858 SUN 2-5

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

335 MOUNTAIN AVE. 5+bd/5+ba lovely 1930's English tudor \$2,500,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Rose Jellison 644-5401

9 WYNGAARD AVE. 3bd/2+ba, family rm, quality of design, charm \$849,000
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460

546 BLAIR AVE. 5bd/4ba trad w/hwd frs, lg level garden \$829,000
The GRUBB Company, Anian Turner 339-0400

111 ESTATES DR. Elegant 3+bd/5+ba, central garden courtyard \$699,000
The GRUBB Company, Mindy Scott 339-0400

314 WILDWOOD AVE. Fully updated 4bd/3ba, FDR, brkfst room \$649,000
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

331 ST JAMES DR. 4/4, 4300sf, remod kitchen, 2 family rooms & \$629,000
2 kitchens. Owner bought another home. UCB, Kathy 838-9700 X38 Reduced!

77 DUDLEY AVE. Spacious/elegant 3+bd/2ba, FDR, rumpus, patio \$595,000
The GRUBB Company, Bonnie Hirsch 339-0400

80 WOODLAND WAY. Outstanding 4/3 Med, gourmet kitchen, new listing \$593,000
Alameda RE, Margaret Lomba 521-7193/Pete Caponio 522-8585 SUNDAY 2-4

180 MAXWELTON RD. Super house/super vw/super price, best buy \$569,000
The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400

120 ESTATES. Single level 4bd/2ba with a view! \$569,500
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Yehuda Ben-David 869-4205

1750 TRESTLE GLEN. Spacious 4bd/3ba, huge rec rm w/frpl \$554,500
Coldwell Banker, Marilyn Bremser 339-1174

45 INVERLEITH TER. 3bd/2+ba, elegant, spacious, all level, fam rm \$545,000
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

223 ESTATES DR. 4bd/3ba contemporary, bay view, hwd's, fam rm \$529,000
Better Homes, Morrie Feigenberg 339-4000

56 NACE. 3bd/2ba new listing! 2-story, deck, rumpus, FDR \$369,000
Art Weil, Owner/Agent-Special 654-5626/465-4805

431 PALA AVE. 3bd/2ba w/updated kitchen, great yard, hot tub \$495,000
Pacific Union, Debi Fitzgerald 339-6460

1119 WARFIELD. Outstanding 4/3 Med, gourmet kitchen, new listing \$479,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Paula Champion 869-4207

100 ESTATES DR. 3bd/2ba contemporary, rumpus, hwd's, bay vw \$449,000
Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460

507 MORAGA AVE. Central Piedmont, terrific buy! 4/2, rumpus, gdn \$419,000
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

230 WILDWOOD AV. 4bd/3ba, best buy! new paint/carpets, nr schi \$405,000
Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460

324 OLIVE AVE. 4bd/3ba, classic charm! hwd frs, sunny eat-in kit \$399,500
Better Homes, Mark Attarra 339-4000

7 LASALLE. Spacious 3bd/3ba, family rm w/frpl, sunny deck \$389,000
Templeton Company, Mary Montali 652-2133 X132 SUNDAY 2-4

59 PROSPECT RD. 3bd/1+ba, move before school starts!! \$385,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Cathy Moulton 644-5480

453 SCENIC AVE. 2bd/2ba, new listing! bay/canyon views! \$385,000
Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 531-1670

100 RAMONA AVE. LR w/frpl, FDR w/built-ins, great garden, fam rm \$319,000
The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400

RICHMOND Open Sunday

6232 PLYMOUTH AVE. R. View 4/3, best view! in-law, patio, deck \$209,500
Security Pacific, Cynthia Burke, Agt. 262-0940 SUNDAY 1-4

6408 KENSINGTON AVE. Delightful gardener's paradise! 3/2, views \$209,000
Marvin Gardens, Stephanie 527-9111 SUNDAY 2-4

SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday

1958 LONGVIEW DR. 3bd/3ba Bay-O-Vista "cream-puff" w/pool, \$359,500
pleasure to view/privilege to own. Rinetti & co, Al 568-6171 SUNDAY 2-4

458 DIEHL AVE. 3+bd/1+ba split level, hwd's, new deck, plus rm \$199,000
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460 SUNDAY 2-4:30

14176 OUTRIGGER. 3b/2+b, incredible unit, upgrades, patio, hwd's \$195,000
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460 SUNDAY 2-4:30

365 MELVEN CT. 3b/1b, open & charming, eat-in kit, FDR, nr schis \$169,000
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

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bargains this weekend**

**Classified:
339-8777**

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4th of July week DEADLINE: Mon. 5 p.m.

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244 Behrens St. - \$197,000
608 Bonnie Dr. - \$295,000
1505 Elm St. - \$185,000
6927 Fairmount - \$259,000
2213 Mono Ave. - \$123,000
1232 Navellier St. - \$255,000

48 Sereno Circle - \$222,500
5104 Shafter Ave. - \$171,000
12021 Skyline Blvd. - \$860,000
6801 Snake Rd. - \$370,000
5 Spy Glass Hill - \$412,500
4818 Stacy St. - \$177,000
7668 Surrey Ln. - \$255,000

SAN LORENZO
16129 Yale Ave. - \$174,500

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 28
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$243,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$165,910

SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$174,500

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Events...

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Warriors invite you to a **Warrior and Fannie Mae Work Day**, 9 a.m. to noon, Mon, Aug 12 at the corner of Mandela Parkway and 11th Street in Oakland. Join in the building of two new houses in West Oakland, the first to be built since the demolition of the Cypress Freeway. With private donations from the Warriors and Fannie Mae, the cost of the homes will be kept in the \$115,000 to 120,000 price range.

Home Depot presents a free workshop, **How to Select and Hang Art**, 6 p.m. Mon., Aug 12 at both its Emeryville store, 3838 Hollis Ave. and its El Cerrito store, 11955 San Pablo Ave. Learn how to choose and properly display prints that complement your existing decor. Call Phylliss Johnson at the Emeryville store, 601-9400 or Barbara Kossot at the El Cerrito store, 235-0800 for more information.

The Bay Area Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) holds its regular monthly meeting 6 p.m., Wed., Aug. 14 at The Showplace Square, Two Henry Adams St., San Francisco. August's topic will be **Resolving Contract Disputes**. The \$25 ticket includes food, wine or beverage. Call (415) 985-7058 for information and reservations.

The Golden Gate Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) holds its monthly meeting 7 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 15 at Hs Lordship's Restaurant at the Ber-

keley Marina. House
belong to ASHI or those
in joining are invited. The
includes dinner and
tutoring attorney Jim P
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The Alameda (Continued)
Gardener and Nutritionists
present the annual Tasting
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Chabot College ASCO
ket, Parking Lot C-15
Hesperian Blvd., Hayward
and enjoy 32 varieties of
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PANORAMIC VIEW LOTS!!.....\$149,000-\$219,000
Unobstructed view of 2 bridges. New subdivision with 18 lots. All utilities are ready. Owner will part! #W35242 Sarah Lo 510-222-9772 x134

EXCELLENT LOCATION.....\$169,500
2BR, 1BA Perfect starter home! Just sparkles! Hardwood floors, new roof and electrical, approx 1024 sq ft. #W38080 Mike Winter 510-223-0767

SWISS CHALET IN E.C.....\$179,500
3BR, 1.5BA, Oversized lot! Needs TLC. Approx 1300 sq ft, garage, great curb appeal. #W36303 Gary Toretta 510-758-5634

LIBERTY AT LAST.....\$205,000
3BR, 2BA Modern and renovated! Approximately 1159 sq ft, garage, good area. #W37824 Sarah Lo 510-222-9772 ext. 134.

PICTURE PERFECT DOLLHOUSE!!.....\$191,900
2BR, 1BA. Adorable move-in condition home 1/2 block from Fat Apple's! Attached garage, new light carpet, new paint, clear termite report! #W37774 Geri or Carla 510-234-7808

GOLDEN GATE VIEW.....\$288,888
3BR, 2.5BA in hills, family room, formal dining, fireplace, new paint, private backyard with fruit trees. #W37551 John Anderson 510-237-8842

GORGEOUS PANORAMIC VIEW HOME.....\$299,000
Huge custom home over 2600 sq ft., 4BR, 4BA, 2 car att'd garage, in-law potential, great location! #W37829 Jason Sancmester 510-262-5585

BERKELEY

BEST CONDO BUY IN BERKELEY.....\$119,000
2BR, 1.5BA minutes to UC, shopping and transportation. Priced low for quick sale! #W37590 Sarah Lo 510-222-9772 ext. 134

SUPER INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY.....\$145,000
3BR, 1BA, over 1,700 sq ft Lot to 5,400 sq ft, garage, workshop, family room, formal dining, "as is sale." #W38029 Mike Wipfler 510-223-0767.

RICHMOND VIEW

VIEW OF MT. TAM.....\$168,000
 3BR, 1BA almost 1,300 sq ft, attached garage, 5,000 sq. ft., lot family room. #W37768 Scott Reback 510-262-3481

CHARMING WELL MAINTAINED HOME.....\$189,000
 2BR, 1BA, formal dining room, garage, fireplace, almost 1,300 sq ft. #W37783 Howard Triplett 510-245-2334

ALMOST NEW / PANORAMIC VIEWS!.....\$255,000
 3BR, 2BA, stylish contemporary near E.C. border, private deck & hot tub, large country kitchen, 2-car garage, loads of storage. #W38142 Magany Abbass 510-233-77329

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Oakland

\$49,000 195 MONTECITO. Cute remodeled 1 BD condo in a great location! Owner anxious! Marica McIntyre 526-5431

\$63,500 305 VERNON #305. 1st floor with view! 1 BD condo in a great location! Elevator. Convenient to **PENDING** shopping & Lake Merritt recreation. Anna Woo 865-4340

\$68,000 305 VERNON #203. 1 BD condo in second building with elevators & convenient to shopping & Lake Merritt recreation. Anna Woo 865-4340



Oakland

\$400,000 3925 BROADWAY. Kitchen bar building! Featuring kitchen bar, 2nd floor offices, storage room, restaurant, 2nd. Elaine Budka 814-4835

Martinez

\$269,500 261 BRIAR DR. Wonders in on-cul-de-sac! Spacious 3BR, 2 1/2 BA modern kitchen, breakfast nook, large patio

\$70,000 2956 TELLEGRAPH. Business opportunity! Lovely cafe in the "Pali-Hill Area" Specialties are salads, sandwiches, desserts & espresso! Tern Lee S21-3352

\$75,000 MONTCLAIR LOTI Build your dream home! In lovely Montclair! Kathy Hirsch B14-4708

\$89,500 3027 WENTWORTH. One level bungalow! A 3 BD, 1 BA home that needs your TLC. To be sold "AS IS" Probate sale! Martha Turner S21-4648

\$94,000 4527 ELLEN ST. Large single-level home! A 3 BD, 1 BA home with huge rear yard, carpeting, wonderful garden community! Kitchen modernized in the '50s. George & Bev Williams S21-7173

\$96,000 TWO UNITS! One -2BD unit, one -1BD unit, 3 parking spaces. Seller financing negotiable. Anna Wood B65-4340

\$119,000 3468 35th Ave. Centrally located close to shopping & transportation! Anna Wood B65-4240

\$119,000 894 LEWELLING. Beautifully updated 2 BD unit! Spacious on deck & 1st floor, 3 covered! Anna Wood B65-4352

\$148,000 14255 SEAGATE Dr. A plus 2 1/2 bath home with wetbar, storage upstairs! Tern Lee S21-3352

\$177,500 13737 SEAGATE Dr. A dream in a garden! 2 BD, 2 1/2 BA home! Fully finished, wonderful garden community! Open space, close to golf courses & malls! Sally B14-4818

\$179,500 2515 OUTRIGGER Dr. Wow! 2BD, 2 1/2 bath home with tile entry, carpeting, balcony & garage! Tern Lee S21-3352

\$244,500 170 HARLAN. Unique opportunity! Portunely Zoned commercial 3 BD, 1 BA unit with 1 BD, 1 BA unit underneath. Unique opportunity! 1 BA office/retail house! George Kathy Hirsch B14-4708

Alamo

\$139,000 5453 HOLLAND. Gorgeous 2 BD, 2 BA bungalow! New kitchen & baths, wood floors, master BD has spa & walk-in closet! Two-car garage! Tim Marr 865-6226

\$749,000 37 AUGUSTA CT. This one-of-a-kind, 2 BA home was formerly handcrafted by master craftsmen! **SOLD** 4/24/04. A family room, gourmet kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 fireplaces, 2 patios, 2 car garage located on Round Hill Country Club's 13th


\$185,000 126 FRISBIE ST. OPEN SUN., 2-4.
Great 3BD, 2 BA starter home! Hardwood floors,
wood trim, private patio & garage! Russ Grant
814-4713

\$249,500 311 CHADWICK MAN. AVE.
3-4 BR, 2-1/2 BA, 2-80 & one - 3BD unit
with 352 sq ft 3-car garage! Terry Lee 521-
3352

\$179,000 709 JOHNSON ST., OPEN SUN.
3:30. Immaculate 2 BD starter home in
great condition! Hardwood floors, new
kitchen, near shopping & transportation

\$279,500 5045 OCEAN VIEW Charming Craftsman in choice PENDING
man in choice PENDING
with family room
new kitchen & remodeled att
floors, patio, deck & 2-car attached garage! Probate Sale Martha Turner 522-4648

REALITY by TOM HOLSTLAW



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***965 SHOREPOINT #304. NEW LISTING!** - 1 BD, 1 BA top-floor condo **\$83,950**

***3140 BALI LN. NEW LISTING!** - 2 BD, 2 BA. 1-level "A" model **\$207,500**

***955 SHOREPOINT #114 - 1** **SOLD** BA condo. As little as \$2700 down, \$2700/mo. income can qualify @ 7.7 % APR. P.I. \$610/mo. **\$87,500**

***20 KILKENNY PL. - LAGOON** **SOLD!** 1/2 BA, family room, Woodbridge home with many custom features. **REDUCED TO \$499,500**

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Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 24, 1996
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 2, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-4833
The Name of the Business:
Seas to See, 826 Everett St., El Cerrito, CA 94530
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Sandra Berg, 826 Everett St., El Cerrito, CA 94530
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 1, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on August 1, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-4280
The Name of the Business:
S.C.U.B.A., 35 Aspen Ct., El Sobrante, CA 94803
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Bryan Scott Creamer, 35 Aspen Ct., El Sobrante, CA 94803
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 9, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 9, 1996
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 96-3369
The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name Baskets-N-Things, 9749 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Alameda on May 24, 1996
Betty J. Pete, 9749 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583
Verna M. Love, 9749 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583
Tonna Napier, 796 Meadowlark St., Livermore, CA 94550
This business was conducted by co-partners.
Signed: Betty J. Pete
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on July 24, 1996
The Journal August 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-4646
The Name of the Business:
Baskets-N-Things, 9749 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Betty J. Pete, 9749 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583
This business is conducted by an individual.

Public Notices

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 24, 1996
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 24, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-4707
The Name of the Business:
Theo Hardwood Floors, 634 Harbour Way #B, Richmond, CA 94801. Mailing address: P.O. Box 2780, Richmond, CA 94802
Is hereby registered by the following owner:
Yee Tiao, 634 Harbour Way, Apt. B, Richmond, CA 94801
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on 1991
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 26, 1996
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-4707
The Name of the Business:
1) Ladyfingers Hair & Nail Salon (Beauty) 2) Lady Fingers Beauty Salon (Hair & Nails), 2230 Salvo St., Concord, CA 94521. 2968 Grant St., Concord, CA 94520
Are hereby registered by the following owner:
Lavon Martel, 2968 Grant St., Concord, CA 94520
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 15, 1996
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The Oakland Tours Program presents a free walking guided tour of **Oakland's Chinatown**, 10 a.m., Wed., Aug. 31. Walk through this bustling Asian center—the fifth largest Chinatown in the United States. Experience exotic fruits and vegetables, walk through an Asian herb shop, see markets filled with fish and barbecued ducks. Watch fresh noodles being made. Call 238-3234 for more information about this tour or about any of the city of Oakland's seven free walking tours.

Join your Oakland neighbors in the Temescal District at the **Temescal Square Certified Farmer's Market**, every Sunday through November from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This neighborhood market at 49th and Telegraph will have a strong

organic emphasis and include peaches, plums and nectarines from the San Joaquin Valley. Call the Market Hotline for more information at (800) 949-FARM or visit the market's Web site at <http://www.pcfma.com>.

A free **First-Time Home Buyer Seminar**, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley is held the first Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a licensed Red Oak agent on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, handle home inspections; learn about contingencies that may protect a buyer from adverse conditions, and see if it may be more economical to buy rather than to rent. Get prequalified and receive a listing of homes for sale in your price range. Reservations are required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554 to register or for more information.

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The East Bay Leads Club meets 7:45 a.m. Wednesdays at the Kaiser Center Cafeteria, 300 Lakeside Dr., Oakland. The Leads Club, the largest leads generating organization in the world, is open to all business owners, salespeople, managers and professionals. During weekly 75-minute meetings, each member gives a brief business presentation and exchanges leads collected during the previous week. Call 601-6325 for more information.

Le Tip International, a organization of independent businesspeople devoted to exchanging business leads and helping other members, meets Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. Guests welcome. Call Lisa Schliff at 236-3002.

The Friends of the Latin American Library hold regular meetings at the Latin American Library, 1900 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland. Join in to support the library as it enters its 30th year of service. For more information call the library at 535-5620.

If you're interested in joining the **Phantom of the Opera Fan Club** or want to receive its newsletter, call Alison Trammell at 682-4793.

For inclusion in **Events**, send information to Dennis Evanovsky, Real Estate Editor, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047 Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

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105 Recreation Vehicles

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As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer a Free Giveaway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks)

201 Announcements

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RESEARCH participants needed: Doctoral candidate studying events of mid-life on adult development, specifically the death of parents, 1-5 years ago. Information 654-9637.

206 Found

CAT, orange/white; young male, friendly. Vicinity Park Blvd./Bayview. 531-4720

MALE orange cat about 10 months, recently neutered. Solano and Pierce, Albany. 526-5308

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. Marc 510-444-3204

DIRT, clean, will load. Glenview District, Oakland 482-4446

PET Muscovy Ducks. Free to good homes. Tame, quiet, friendly, black/white. 535-1878

KITTENS, beautiful, healthy, 4 males, 3 females, leukemia negative, spayed/neutered paid. 357-1300, evenings.

KITTENS, all black, short hair, 14 weeks, male, 1 female. Marx, neutered/spayed, shots, 251-9229

"FIONA" DLH tabby, 1 year, very sweet, affectionate. Needs home immediately. Donation. Marc, 444-3204

"TABITHA" 9 years, long haired Siamese mix, affectionate lap cat. Immediate placement. Donation 444-3204

ADULT/ baby bunnies for adoption. Cute, cuddly. Donation 339-9389

FREE firewood. You cut and haul. 465-7518

CLEAN fill dirt, you haul. 352-4373

FREE firewood, Eucalyptus. Please call 655-8509

BRACELET - Safeway, Solano Ave., July 29, native American silver, turquoise stone. Sentimental value. Reward. 527-7547

LOST: Gray and white female cats, long haired, Marx (no tail). Crestmont area. 531-8362

LOST black female collie/lab mix, blue collar, last seen Snake Rd./Skyline. Reward. 339-2411

PEDMONT, August 4th, Black British male short-hair, 1 year old, "Heckle". Red collar. 530-3042

SAPPHIRE engagement ring, August 3, Montclair Park Village. Extreme sentimental value. 482-8778

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EMPLOYMENT

401 Help Wanted

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant: Flooring contractor needs help 25-30 hours/week. Requires someone responsible, organized, friendly, able to work under pressure. Phone skills required, some wordprocessing knowledge. Pay based on experience. Fax Resume to: 510-528-2224 or mail: Tulp Floors, 3501 Carlson Blvd., El Cerrito, CA 94530

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant, half-time. A successful east bay venture capital firm seeks an experienced administrative assistant to support the firm's partners. The ideal candidate will have 5+ years of administrative experience in a trusted position at an investment firm, law firm, accounting firm or similar service business. Experience operating computer spreadsheets (Excel), word processors (Word) and bookkeeping systems (Quicken) is a necessary part of the job. Applicant must be willing to be a notary public. Duties include: light clerical (filing, correspondence, photo copying, faxing, etc.), light bookkeeping (spreadsheets, Quicken), as well as scheduling and a friendly telephone persona. The position hours are 4 hours each afternoon Monday-Friday. Compensation is commensurate with experience and industry standards. Please send resume to P.O. Box 7338, Berkeley, CA 94707.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

To President of East Bay Company. OUTSTANDING secretarial skills a must. computer literate, MS Word and Excel, a head for detail and ability to follow through are important. retail experience helpful. Fax resume to: 510-654-3496

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

President of Holy Names High School seeking high level secretary, challenging position requires organization, initiative, flexibility, attention to detail. Strong verbal, written communication skills, proficient with Microsoft Word, Publisher, Microsoft Works Software. Resume/cover letter/references to: Laura Held, President, Holy Names High School, 4660 Harbor Dr., Oakland 94618

ADMINISTRATIVE assistant, full-time/part-time position for health care service plan, Berkeley. Strong organizational, communication, and PC skills required. Fax resume to: 510-843-7378

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• Data Entry Clerk, 9-12 kph, swing shift
• Administrative Assistant, WP 5.1 or 6.0, type 55 wpm, Lotus plus
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APARTMENT Manager team for 18 units near Lake. Experience, maintenance skills necessary. Send resume to: V. Jung, 3871 Piedmont Ave., Box 3, Oakland 94611

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BIKE shop in Berkeley looking for full-time/permanent sales person. Previous experience preferred. Send resumes to: Finish, 2200 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 94704. Fax: 510-704-1004

BINDERY journeyman person. High level experience, set up, run, large format Baumfolder, Polar Cutter, Muller Stitcher. 510-525-3401, ext 25

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CASHIERS, full-time, part-time, all shifts available for service station with snack shop in Montclair. Good pay and benefits. Call 339-1064 for appointment, Tuesday-Saturday

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COMPUTER OPERATOR, 3+ years computer operations experience with mainframe and PC processing. Resume: Data Plus, 2200 Powell Street, #350, Emeryville 94608. Fax 510-420-2078

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COOK, \$7/hour, downtown restaurant, experience needed. Contact Rod at 836-2739

COOK, experienced only, full-time. Apply at Merritt Restaurant, 203 E. 18th Street, Oakland

401 Help Wanted

Date Entry Clerk

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A free Firefighter Orientation Session on: AUGUST 10, 1996 at 12 noon
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From 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon
Come, meet current Oakland Firefighters and Personnel Office staff and get valuable information about firefighting and the application and examination process

Minimum requirements include:
• 18 years of age by August 31, 1996
• A valid California driver's license and a good driving record by hire date
• U.S. citizenship or legal authorization to work in the United States
• High School diploma or equivalent
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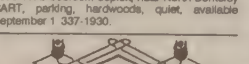
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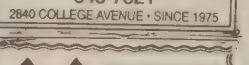
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the following measures will be voted on at the City of Albany General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Albany on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1996**.

CITY OF ALBANY MEASURE 1
Section 1: That the following ballot question, to be numbered or designated by the County of Alameda as a City Council proposed Charter Measure — is to appear as follows:
MEASURE — "Do you vote to adopt a City Council Proposed Charter Measure, as recommended by the Charter Review Committee, to change the elected City of Albany position to an appointed position, the exact wording of which is set forth in the voter pamphlet?"

Section 2: That the Voter Pamphlet shall include the ballot question wording to the voters, the question as presented before the text, and the exact wording of the present Charter section with language to be deleted shown in *italic type* and the language to be added to be shown as **highlighted** as follows:
The people of the City of Albany modify Section 3.01 of the City Charter as follows:

Section 3.01: **OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.** All officers and department heads, except as otherwise provided, shall be appointed by the City Council and shall hold office at the pleasure of the City Council. The City Treasurer, City Attorney and Chief of Police shall be elected from the City at large, and shall hold office for four (4) years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The Council shall establish by ordinance the administrative offices of the City and shall designate the department heads of the City. The City Council shall be empowered to create, abolish, or reorganize departments and divisions as necessary for the Charter.

Section 3: This Ballot Measure shall be adopted if it is approved by a majority of the voters voting in the November 5, 1996 election. This Ballot Measure shall be effective the sooner of the expiration of the incumbent's term (which commenced in April, 1994 and terminates in November, 1996) or should the Police Chief position become vacant for any reason prior to the end of the incumbent's term in November, 1996.

CITY OF ALBANY MEASURE 2
Section 1: That the following ballot question, to be numbered or designated by the County of Alameda as a City Council proposed Charter Measure — is to appear as follows:
MEASURE — "Do you vote to adopt a City Council"

Proposed Charter Measure, as recommended by the Charter Review Committee, to change the elected City Attorney position to an appointed position the exact wording of which is set forth in the voter pamphlet?"

Section 2: That the Voter Pamphlet shall include the ballot question wording to the voters, the question as presented before the text, and the exact wording of the present Charter section with language to be deleted shown in *italic type* and the language to be added to be shown as **highlighted** as follows:
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Section 3: This Ballot Measure shall be adopted if it is approved by a majority of the voters voting in the November 5, 1996 election. This Ballot Measure shall be effective the sooner of the expiration of the incumbent's term (which commenced in April, 1994 and terminates in November, 1996) or should the City Attorney position become vacant for any reason prior to the end of the incumbent's term in November, 1996.

CITY OF ALBANY MEASURE 3
Section 1: That the following ballot question, to be numbered or designated by the County of Alameda as a City Council proposed Charter Measure — is to appear as follows:
MEASURE — "Do you vote to adopt a City Council Proposed Charter Measure, as recommended by the Charter Review Committee, to change the elected City Treasurer position to an appointed position, the exact wording of which is set forth in the voter pamphlet?"

Section 2: That the Voter Pamphlet shall include the ballot question wording to the voters, the question as presented before the text, and the exact wording of the present Charter section with language to be deleted shown in *italic type* and the language to be added to be shown as **highlighted** as follows:
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Section 3.01: **OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.** All officers and department heads, except as otherwise provided, shall be appointed by the City Council and shall hold office at the pleasure of the City Council. The City Treasurer, City Attorney and Chief of Police shall be elected from the City at large, and shall hold office for four (4) years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The Council shall establish by ordinance the administrative offices of the City and shall designate the department heads of the City. The City Council shall be empowered to create, abolish, or reorganize departments and divisions as necessary for the Charter.

Section 3: This Ballot Measure shall be adopted if it is approved by a majority of the voters voting in the November 5, 1996 election. This Ballot Measure shall be effective the sooner of the expiration of the incumbent's term (which commenced in April, 1994 and terminates in November, 1996) or should the City Treasurer position become vacant for any reason prior to the end of the incumbent's term in November, 2000.

CITY OF ALBANY MEASURE 4
Section 1: That the following ballot question, to be numbered or designated by the County of Alameda as a City Council proposed Charter Measure — is to appear as follows:
PROPOSED CITY COUNCIL CHARTER AMENDMENT

"Do you vote to adopt a City Council Proposed Charter Measure, as recommended by the Charter Review Committee, pertaining to appointment and removal of persons to advisory boards, commissions, committees, and other bodies, the exact wording of which is set forth in the voter pamphlet?"

Section 2: That the Voter Pamphlet shall include the ballot question wording to the voters, the question as presented before the text, and the exact wording of the present Charter section with language to be deleted shown in *italic type* and the language to be added to be shown as **highlighted** as follows:
The people of the City of Albany modify the City Charter Chapters 3 and 8 as follows:

SECTION 3.23 (a) APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND OTHER ADVISORY BODIES.
(i) Each Councilmember shall have the power to appoint persons to each Board, Commission, Committee, or other advisory body as established by the City Charter, Municipal Code, resolution or minute action.

(ii) All appointments shall be residents of the City unless otherwise provided to the contrary for a specific Board, Commission, Committee or other advisory body.

(iii) Such appointments shall be made within forty-five (45) days after the beginning of the Councilmember's term of office. If the Councilmember fails to appoint within such time, the appointments may be made by the City Council as a whole.

(iv) Upon the expiration of the appointee's term, the appointee shall continue to serve until replacement or reappointment. If there are multiple appointments on a Board, Commission, Committee or other advisory body whose term has expired, they shall be replaced in the order originally appointed.

3.23(b) TERMS OF MEMBERS OF ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND OTHER ADVISORY BODIES.
Each Councilmember shall appoint to Boards, Commissions, Committees, and other advisory bodies shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council and, if serving on a Board, Commission, Committee, or other advisory body without a defined term frame, shall serve a term concurrent with the Councilmember who appointed them unless otherwise provided.

3.23(c) REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND OTHER ADVISORY BODIES.
(i) Any appointee who is absent from three (3) consecutive regular scheduled meetings, which are either held or cancelled at meeting time due to lack of a quorum, without the approval of the Chair of the Board, Commission, Committee, or advisory body, shall automatically be removed.

(ii) Except as provided in Section 3.23 (c) (i) above, members of all Boards, Commissions, Committees, and other advisory bodies may only be removed by resolution by four-fifths (4/5) vote of the City Council. At least twenty-one (21) days prior to the time when a proposed removal is scheduled to be voted on by the City Council, a Notice of Intent to Remove shall be sent to the affected appointee. This notice shall state at least the following:

1) the date that the proposed removal will be scheduled for Council action;

2) that the affected appointee has the right to discuss, if he or she chooses, the proposed removal with the Councilmember proposing the removal or other Councilmembers prior to the time when the proposed removal is scheduled;

3) that if the affected appointee desires to receive a Statement of Reason(s), in writing then this request must be made in writing and be received by the City Clerk at least ten (10) days prior to the City Council meeting when the affected appointee's removal will be discussed;

4) that the affected appointee can choose to resign at any time without requesting reasons or Council action by resolution.

(iii) If the affected appointee has requested a Statement of Reason(s), and if the Council moves to remove an appointee, the Council, as part of its final resolution, shall provide a Statement of Reason(s) to the affected appointee, stating the matter with a Councilmember proposing the removal, and of the requirement to set forth a Statement of Reason(s) to provide the appointee with reasons for his/her removal which are relevant to that appointee's participation on a particular Board, Commission, Committee or other advisory body on which the appointee serves and to provide honest and direct communication between the City Councilmembers and the appointee in those situations where the appointee is being recommended for removal.

Section 3.23 (d) RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES.
Any rules, regulations and procedures pertaining to the appointment, removal, term and qualifications of members, not inconsistent with this section of the Charter, may be established by ordinance of the City Council.

Section 3.16 PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE ALBANY CITY CHARTER shall be amended to read as follows:
There shall be a Planning and Zoning Commission, consisting of five (5) members, who shall be appointed by the Council, and shall serve without compensation. Each member of the Council shall have the power to nominate one member of the Commission. The Planning and Zoning Commission shall have the power and be required to (a) recommend to the Council the adoption, amendment or repeal of the master plan and any part thereof for the physical development of the City and (b) exercise such functions with respect to land subdivisions, planning and zoning as may be presented by ordinance.

Members of this Commission may be removed by a majority vote of the Council, by resolution of the Council.

Procedures for appointment, removal, terms and qualifications of members, not inconsistent with this section, may be established by ordinance of the Council.

Section 8.01 MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE shall be modified to read as follows:

(a) There shall be a Municipal Civil Service, hereinafter referred to as the Classified Service. Membership in the Classified Service is defined in Section 8.05(c) of this Charter. There shall be a Civil Service Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, to administer the Classified Service.

(b) The City Council is authorized to pass ordinances pertaining to the Civil Service System. Ordinance provisions affecting the Classified Service shall require a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the City Council, and shall include not less than one (1) public hearing on the subject matter of the ordinance.

(c) There shall be a paid consisting of five (5) members who serve without compensation. Each member of the City Council shall have the right to make the appointment. If the Council is unable to appoint, or declines to do so, within thirty (30) days of a vacancy on the Board, then a majority of the Council can make the appointment for that Councilmember.

(d) Members of the Board may be removed by a vote of at least four (4) members of the Council. Board Member terms shall be concurrent with the term of the Councilmember who appointed them.

(e) No officer, employee or member of the Board, Commission, or City Council shall be eligible for appointment to the Civil Service Board.

Section 3: This Ballot Measure shall be adopted and shall become effective if it is approved by a majority of the voters voting in the November 5, 1996 election and if it received a greater number of votes than any other competing Charter Measure.

CITY OF ALBANY MEASURE 5
Section 1: That the following ballot question, to be numbered or designated by the County of Alameda as a City Council proposed Charter Measure — is to appear as follows:
PROPOSED CITY COUNCIL CHARTER AMENDMENT:

"Do you vote to adopt a City Council Proposed Charter Measure, designated as Measure —, so that the timing of inducting of Councilmembers conforms to the time period which the County Registrar is permitted to canvass and certify election returns?"

Section 2: That the Voter Pamphlet shall include the ballot question wording to the voters, the question as presented before the text, and the exact wording of the present Charter section with language to be deleted shown in *italic type* and the language to be added to be shown as **highlighted** as follows:
The people of the City of Albany modify City Charter Sections 2.01 and 2.04 as follows:

Section 2.01 **LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT: THE COUNCIL.** The legislative body of said City shall consist of five (5) persons elected at large, which body shall be known as the Council.

The members of the Council shall be elected by the qualified voters of said City at a general Municipal Election to be held therein every even-numbered year as hereinafter provided. They shall hold office for the period of four (4) years from and after the Monday next succeeding the day of their election until their successors are elected and qualified, provided, however, that the members of the Board of Trustees who shall be in office at the time this Charter is approved by the Legislature shall retain the office to which each was elected and become and continue to be in office until the expiration of their term.

Members of the Council shall be elected at the regular Municipal election held as herein provided in 1996, and two members thereof at such election in 1998 and thereafter in similar rotation each even numbered year. At the meeting when the election results of a general Municipal election are reported to the Council, the members of the Council shall be elected to their respective offices. The members of the Council shall be elected to their respective offices for a period of four (4) years from the day of their induction and until their successors are elected and qualified. A person elected, unless otherwise removed from office, is entitled to serve a four (4) year term from the date of induction.

The Council shall also designate one of its members as Vice Mayor. The Vice Mayor shall perform the duties of the Mayor during his or her absence or disability. The officials so chosen shall hold their respective offices subject to the pleasure of the City Council.

Each member of the Council shall receive a compensation of Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each meeting attended, provided, however, that no Councilmember shall not receive more than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) in any one month, except as otherwise provided by Section 46 of this Charter. Members of the Council shall also designate one of its members as Vice Mayor. The Vice Mayor shall perform the duties of the Mayor during his or her absence or disability. The officials so chosen shall hold their respective offices subject to the pleasure of the City Council.

No person not an elector of the City shall be eligible to hold office as a member of the City Council, and no person shall be eligible for nomination for such office without having been a resident of the City for thirty (30) days immediately preceding nomination.

Section 2.04. **MEETINGS.** The Council shall meet at eight o'clock p.m. on the first Monday following a general municipal election and canvass the returns thereof. The new members shall then be inducted into office, whereupon the Council, as thus newly constituted, shall elect one of its members as its presiding officer, who shall have the title of Mayor. The Council shall also designate one of its members as Vice Mayor. The Vice Mayor shall perform the duties of the Mayor during his or her absence or disability. The officials so chosen shall hold their respective offices subject to the pleasure of the City Council.

The regular meetings of the Council shall be held on the first and third Mondays of each month, at eight o'clock p.m., except in case Monday is a holiday, in which event the Council may select another day for the meeting during that week. But any regular meeting may be adjourned to a date certain, at which adjourned meeting shall be a regular meeting for all purposes. Special meetings may be called in a manner consistent with the laws of the State of California.

All meetings of the Council shall be convened in the Council Chambers of the City Hall but may thereafter be adjourned to such other location as may be selected by the Council. All meetings of the Council shall be open to the public. If, by reason of fire, flood or other emergency, it shall be unsafe to hold a meeting, the members of the Council may be held for the duration of the emergency at such place as is designated by the Mayor, or, if the Mayor should fail to act, by four (4) members of the Council.

This Charter Ballot Measure — shall be adopted and shall become effective if it is approved by a majority of the voters voting in the November 5, 1996 election.

CITY OF ALBANY MEASURE 6
Section 1: That the Measure which is designated by the County of Alameda as Measure — which is a citizen initiative proposed by the voters of the City of Albany appear on the ballot as follows:

PROPOSED CITIZEN SPONSORED CHARTER INITIATIVE
"Do you vote to adopt a Citizen Proposed Charter Initiative pertaining to the appointment and removal of persons to advisory boards, commissions, committees, and other bodies, the exact wording of which is set forth in the Voter Pamphlet?"

Section 2: That the Voter Pamphlet shall include the ballot question wording to the voters, the question as presented before the text, and the exact wording of the present Charter section with language to be deleted shown in *italic type* and the language to be added to be shown as **highlighted** as follows:
The people of the City of Albany modify the City Charter Chapters 3 and 8 as follows:

SECTION 3.23 (a) APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND OTHER ADVISORY BODIES.
(i) Each Councilmember shall have the power to appoint persons to each Board, Commission, Committee, or other advisory body as established by the City Charter, Municipal Code, resolution or minute action.

(ii) All appointments shall be residents of the City unless otherwise provided to the contrary for a specific Board, Commission, Committee or other advisory body.

(iii) Such appointments shall be made within forty-five (45) days after the beginning of the Councilmember's term of office. If the Councilmember fails to appoint within such time, the appointments may be made by the City Council as a whole.

(iv) Upon the expiration of the appointee's term, the appointee shall continue to serve until replacement or reappointment. If there are multiple appointments on a Board, Commission, Committee or other advisory body whose term has expired, they shall be replaced in the order originally appointed.

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Section 2. Title The Voter Pamphlet shall include the wording presented to the voter on the ballot as well as the complete text which is in the Voter Pamphlet.

Section 1. TITLE. This charter amendment shall be known as, as may be added to, the Citizens' Appointee Protection Initiative.

Section 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this initiative is to establish policies which:
a. Encourage citizen involvement and participation for the good of the City.
b. Protect the integrity of the City's advisory boards, commissions, task forces, and similar bodies.

Section 3. FINDINGS. The People of the City of Albany find that it is in the public interest to preserve and protect the independent thinking of all the City's various boards, commissions, task forces, and similar bodies, whose members are appointed by the City Council.

Section 4. APPOINTEE PROCEDURES. The following new Section shall be added to Chapter 3 of the City Charter:
a. All members of commissions, boards, committees, task forces, or any other similar bodies, who are appointed by the Mayor or by the City Council, shall be appointed to a term consistent with the full term of the appointing Council member. This requirement includes those members, the terms shall be concurrent with the term of the Mayor unless otherwise established by ordinance.

b. The City Council shall establish by ordinance a policy, to be applied equally to all appointees, for automatic removal due to excessive absence from a residence in Albany, or conviction for a felony.

c. Any other removal shall be only for cause and then only by a majority vote of the City Council. Appointees shall be notified of such removal at least 21 days prior to the vote of the City Council.

d. This Section shall supersede all other Charter language relating to removal or lengths of terms of appointees.

Section 5. IMPLEMENTATION. Section 4 above shall be implemented in a manner which advances the findings and purposes of this initiative.

Section 6. AMENDMENT. No part of this initiative shall be amended or repealed, except by a vote of the people.

Section 7. SEVERABILITY. If any portion of this initiative is hereafter determined to be invalid, all remaining portions of this initiative shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this initiative are severable.

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This initiative shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the voters of the City of Albany.

CITY OF ALBANY MEASURE 7

The following ballot question, to be numbered or designated by the County of Alameda as a City Council proposed Ballot Measure in the November 5, 1996 election, shall be:

Advisory Vote Only
Shall the City of Albany fund the acquisition and improvement of open space on Albany Hill to protect plant and wildlife habitat and preserve Albany Hill as permanent open space, fund new playfields to provide youths with recreational opportunities, and fund creek restoration to provide youths with recreational opportunities in the creeks and San Francisco Bay, all by levying an annual assessment not to exceed \$69 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) on all single-family homes?

YES — NO —

That the Voter Pamphlet shall include the ballot question wording to the voters, the question as presented before the text, and the exact wording of the present Charter section with language to be deleted shown in *italic type* and the language to be added to be shown as **highlighted** as follows:
The people of the City of Albany adopt the following:

Section 1. It is the intent of this Ballot Measure to provide funds through the City's recently formed Open Space, Recreational Playfields and Creek Restoration District ("District") to benefit property and improve the quality of life in the City of Albany ("the City") by acquiring, improving, developing and restoring open space on Albany Hill, by acquiring, improving, developing and maintaining recreational playfields, and by restoring creeks and San Francisco Bay, all by levying an annual assessment not to exceed \$69 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) on all single-family homes.

Section 2. The District has been formed under the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 and has boundaries continuous with those of the City of Albany.

Section 3. The People of the City find and declare that:
(a) it is in the public interest to establish a fund to purchase and preserve as much as possible of the 22 acres of privately owned Albany Hill as permanent open space;

(b) The open space on Albany Hill is a vital part of the region's natural heritage, contains historical artifacts and significance, and is a home to a variety of native California plants, wildflowers, monarch butterflies, birds, and other animals.

(c) Albany Hill is an important environmental feature in the community.

(d) The increase in and restoration of open space on Albany Hill will help maintain a high standard of livability and sound economic conditions by increasing open space, park and recreation opportunities and increasing property values throughout the District.

(e) Clean and safe open space on Albany Hill will increase the attractiveness of the District as a place to live and locate businesses, and enhance the overall quality of life in the District.

(f) The acquisition, improvement, restoration, and maintenance of open space on Albany Hill will confer a direct and special benefit to the residents of the District, including without limitation increased attractiveness, improved environmental quality, and enhanced recreational opportunities, and result in maintained or enhanced property values within the District.

(g) The acquisition and improvement of open space on Albany Hill is vital to the quality of life in the District, providing important recreational opportunities to all residents of the District.

(h) It is critical that we acquire and improve open space on Albany Hill to improve the overall quality of our communities, provide safe places to play, increase recreation opportunities, and provide pleasant places that all District residents can enjoy for relief from traffic and urban congestion.

(i) The acquisition and improvement of recreational playfields is vital to the quality of life in the District, providing important recreational opportunities to all residents of the District.

(j) The existing youth and adult playfields in the City of Albany are inadequate to meet the growing recreational demands.

(k) The increase in recreational playfields will help maintain a high standard of livability in the District by increasing open space, park and recreation opportunities and increasing property values throughout the District.

(l) Clean and safe recreational playfields will increase the attractiveness of the District as a place to live and locate businesses, and enhance the overall quality of life in the District.

(m) The acquisition, improvement, restoration, development and maintenance of recreational playfields confer a direct and special benefit to the residents of the District, including without limitation increased attractiveness, improved environmental quality, and enhanced recreational opportunities, and result in maintained or enhanced property values within the District.

(n) It is in the public interest to establish a fund to purchase and develop youth and adult recreational playfields.

(o) It is critical that we acquire and improve recreational playfields to provide safe places for children to play, increase recreational opportunities, and provide pleasant places that all District residents can enjoy.

(p) It is in the public interest to establish a fund to restore the five creeks that run through or border the community to a clean, environmentally sound condition.

(q) Water pollution caused by underground storm drain pipes is one of the greatest sources of pollution in San Francisco Bay. Restoring water quality by opening up the underground pipes is one of the best ways to achieve clean water in our creeks and the Bay.

(r) The increase and restoration of open space on Albany Hill will help maintain a high standard of livability in the District by increasing recreational opportunities and increasing property values throughout the District.

(s) Clean and safe creeks will increase the attractiveness of the District as a place to live and locate businesses, including improvement of commercial areas, thereby increasing the City's local tax base and providing pleasant creekside pedestrian-oriented shopping areas.

(t) The acquisition, improvement, restoration, development and maintenance of the five creeks that run through or border the proposed District and special benefit to all people within the District, including without limitation increased attractiveness, improved environmental quality, and enhanced recreational opportunities, each of which will result in maintained or enhanced property values within the District.

(u) The restoration of creeks is vital to the quality of life in the District, providing important recreational opportunities to all residents of the District.

(v) It is critical that we restore the five creeks that run through or border the District to improve the overall quality of our communities, increase recreational opportunities, and provide pleasant places that all District residents can enjoy.

Section 4. The net proceeds from the assessment described in this Ballot Measure shall be used as follows:
(a) Fifty percent (50%) per year for the acquisition, improvement, development and maintenance of property in the areas of the District commonly known as Albany Hill, for the acquisition, improvement, restoration, development and maintenance of the five creeks that run through or border the proposed District to protect the plant and wildlife habitat, and permanently protect as much of Albany Hill as possible as open space, and enhance property values throughout the District, representing an annual assessment of not more than \$34.50 per Equivalent Residential Unit.

(b) The amount of the annual assessment will not exceed \$69.00 per Equivalent Residential Unit as set forth in the Engineer's Report.

Section 5. This Ballot Measure shall be adopted, shall become effective, and shall be existing on November 5, 1996 if it is approved by a majority of the voters voting in the November 5, 1996 election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the deadline for arguments pro/con on the proposed Measures will be **FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1996, at 4:00 p.m.** The word limit for the arguments is 300 words.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that pursuant to City Council action rebuts will be accepted and the deadline will be **MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 1996, at 4:00 p.m.** The word limit for the rebuts is 250 words.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 96-3236

The Name of the Business: Pac/Gro & Associates, 1670 Riviera Ave., Suite 200, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Is hereby registered by the following owner: Sanchez De Lucia, 24 Watchwood Ct., Orinda, CA 94563

Shelley Hasegawa, 36 Merrill Cir., Moraga, CA 94556

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May

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T.S. No. GM-31209-C Loan No. 30-068813-2 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/1/91. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the herein described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. TRUSTOR: DAVID N. NICHOLS AND KALAM KOEHRING NICHOLS, HUSBAND AND WIFE Duly Appointed Trustee: EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC. Recorded #13791 as Instrument No. 91 162258 in Book 16798, page 448 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of CONTRA COSTA County, California, Date of Sale: \$30996 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: AT THE MAIN STREET ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL, 1666 N. MAIN STREET, WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$156,694.45 Street Address or other common designation of real property: A. DOWE LANE, RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA 94803 APN #: 428-202-065 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Date: July 25, 1996 EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC. 15455 SAN FERNANDO MISSION BLVD SUITE #208 MISSION HILLS, CA 91345 818-361-4488 RICK SNOKE TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER C247055 98, 8/15, 8/22, 1996 The Journal August 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 96-4421 The Name of the Business: S & K Printing, 7 Walden Walk, Concord, CA 94518. Is hereby registered by the following owner: Sharif Azmy, 7 Walden Walk, Concord, CA 94518. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 15, 1996. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 15, 1996. The Journal August 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE: FCL No. 9258 On Thursday, August 22, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. of said day outside the Main entrance to the public library located at #2 Irwin Way in the City of Orinda, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California, California Trust Deeds, Inc., as duly appointed trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the City of Richmond, County of Contra Costa, State of California and described as follows: Common Address: 647 - 5th Street, Richmond, Ca A.P.N. 534-202-007 Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the Power of Sale conferred in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Richard Sellers and Lisa Miller as trustors, dated May 6, 1993 and recorded May 12, 1993 as Document No. 93-123014 in the office of the Contra Costa County Recorder. The amount owing on the subject obligation is: Principal \$44,858.71 Interest \$2,021.60 Late Charges \$183.60 Advances \$357.00 Attorney's Fees \$0.00; Costs \$1,127.28; Interest on Adv. \$5.72 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 6, 1993 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Dated: July 23, 1996 CALIFORNIA TRUST DEEDS, INC., 125 12th Street, Suite 300, Oakland, Ca 94607-4312 (510)444-3200 Herb Leibowitz, Vice President C246953 81, 86, 8/15 1996 The Journal August 1, 8, 15, 22, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 96-4496 The Name of the Business: New Life Health Concepts, 11 Stony Hill Pl., Oakley, CA 94561. Is hereby registered by the following owner: Erika J. Jackson, 11 Stony Hill Pl., Oakley, CA 94561. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 16, 1996. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 17, 1996. The Journal August 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 96-4489 The Name of the Business: East County Wood Products, 4430 Hagar Lane, Oakley, CA 94561. Is hereby registered by the following owners: Byron L. Hagar, 4430 Hagar Lane, Oakley, CA 94561. Virginia L. Hagar, 4430 Hagar Lane, Oakley, CA 94561. Gilbert O. Hagar, 1598 Lone Oak Rd., Brentwood, CA 94513. Debbie D. Hagar, 1598 Lone Oak Rd., Brentwood, CA 94513. This business is conducted by Co-Partners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 17, 1996. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 17, 1996. The Journal August 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 96-4241 The Name of the Business: Import Stereo & Cellular, 12972 San Pablo Ave., Richmond, CA 94805. Is hereby registered by the following owner: Mario I. Pashai, 1861 Acapulco Dr., San Pablo, CA 94606. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 2, 1996. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 2, 1996. The Journal August 1, 8, 15, 22, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 96-4296 The Name of the Business: The Rainbow Connection, 715 Timberline Terrace, Brentwood, CA 94513. Is hereby registered by the following owners: Yvette Armit, 715 Timberline Terrace, Brentwood, CA 94513. Dennis Armit, 715 Timberline Terrace, Brentwood, CA 94513. This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 9, 1996. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 9, 1996. The Journal August 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 96-4331 The Name of the Business: Medicine Shoppe, 2100 Monument Blvd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Is hereby registered by the following owner: Donald B. Fox, 333 Peppertree Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 10, 1996.

Public Notices

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 10, 1996. The Journal August 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 96-4362 The Names of the Businesses: 1) California Basketball Academy 2) CBA, 4619 Stillwater Ct., Concord, CA 94521. Are hereby registered by the following owners: Michael I. Klarer, 4619 Stillwater Ct., Concord, CA 94521. Mark E. Hudson, 1209 Rimer Dr., Moraga, CA 94556. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 11, 1996. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 11, 1996. The Journal August 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 96-4533 The Name of the Business: Speedrite, 52 Southwind Circle, Richmond, CA 94804. Is hereby registered by the following owner: Dale Gene Nabeta, 52 Southwind Circle, Richmond, CA 94804. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 18, 1996. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 18, 1996. The Journal August 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 96-4644 The Name of the Business: H & H Ruvalcaba, 63 Wharf Dr., Bay Point, CA 94565. Is hereby registered by the following owner: Haunani Ruvalcaba, 63 Wharf Dr., Bay Point, CA 94565.

Public Notices

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 24, 1996. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 24, 1996. The Journal August 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 96-4428 The Name of the Business: Healthy Image, 185 Hickory Ct., Brentwood, CA 94513. Is hereby registered by the following owners: Dawn Marie Maddox, 185 Hickory Ct., Brentwood, CA 94513. Richard J. Maddox, 185 Hickory Ct., Brentwood, CA 94513. This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 15, 1996. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 15, 1996. The Journal August 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 96-4319 The Name of the Business: Eastern House Restaurant, 2330 MacDonald Ave., Richmond, CA 94804. Is hereby registered by the following owner: Eric Wong, 865 37th St., Richmond, CA 94805. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 10, 1996. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 10, 1996. The Journal August 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 96-4521 The Name of the Business: Jed's Enterprises, 1006 Santa Lucia Dr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

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Is hereby registered by the following owner: Jose Antonio O. Milla, 1008 E. Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 18, 1996. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 18, 1996. The Journal August 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

STATEMENT OF AN ABANDONED FICTITIOUS BUSINESS The following person has abandoned the fictitious business name listed above: 1855 Gateway Blvd., #650, Concord, CA 94520. The fictitious business name was filed in the County of Contra Costa, September 24, 1993. Centex Real Estate Company (domestic), 3333 Lee Parkway, 75219. Signed: Raymond G. Smerage. This statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 18, 1996. The Journal August 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 96-4504 The Name of the Business: Centex Homes, 1855 Gateway Blvd., Concord, CA 94520. Is hereby registered by the following owner: Centex Real Estate Company (domestic), 3333 Lee Parkway, 75219. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 27, 1996. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 18, 1996. The Journal August 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996.

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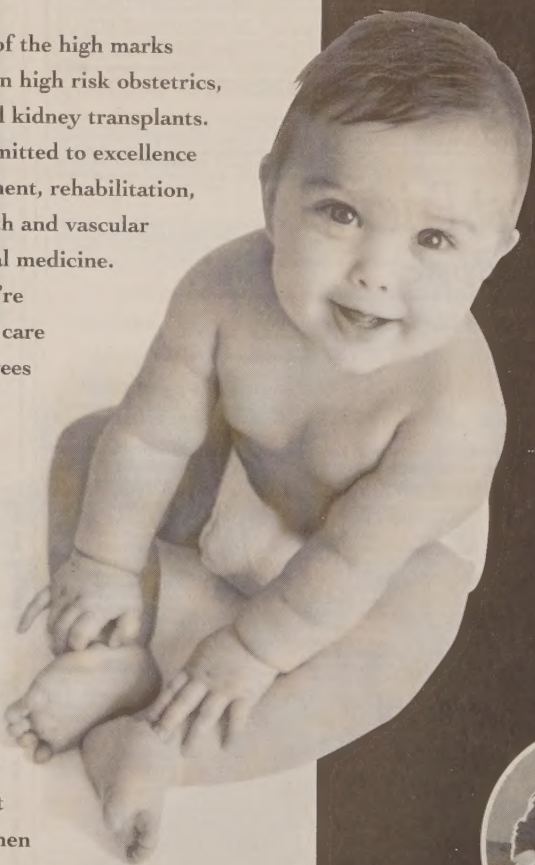


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